

## Door care Guide

The new doors on your kitchen are made from the finest materials, designed to give years of satisfaction. To help maintain the original beauty of your kitchen we recommend following these simple guidelines.

### Wooden Doors

Each door has characteristic variations in grain and colour and should be cared for in the same way as any piece of fine furniture. In most cases they should be cleaned with only a slightly damp cloth to help preserve the beauty of the wood. A good quality wax furniture polish can also be applied on occasion to enhance their natural beauty.

For persistent marks they can be removed by first using a very mild solution of water and household detergent (non abrasive). Or sugar water can be used which is good for removing grease. Once the mark is removed the area should then be wiped over with a damp soft cloth to remove any excess and then finally dried with a soft, clean cloth. No water should ever be left on any surface of the door for any length of time. On no account must an abrasive or solvent cleaner be used as they could damage the surface.

### Glass Doors

A non-abrasive window cleaner should be used, if the door is leaded care should be taken using cleaning solutions on the decorative leading.

### Melamine, Vinyl and Foil Wrapped MDF Doors

Occasional marks can be removed with a soft damp cloth, warm water and a very mild detergent. Moisture will not harm the surface of these doors but in order to protect the doors never allow water to lie on any surface, always wipe away any spillage immediately. Do not use harsh scouring powders or solvents, as they will damage the surface.

To prevent heat damage to foil wrapped kitchen doors we strongly advise that extractors are always used above working hobs and that ignited jets of a hob are never in use without saucepans above. In addition, heat deflectors should be used where foil wrapped doors are positioned next to ovens that do not have factory fitted metal heat deflectors. Burbidge will not take responsibility for heat damaged foil wrapped doors if the afore mentioned preventative measures have not been taken.

### Polyester Lacquered Doors

Occasional marks in most cases, can be removed with a soft damp cloth. More persistent marks can be removed using a solution of 50% water and 50% methylated spirits. Once the mark is removed,

the area should be wiped over with a damp cloth to remove any excess and dried with a soft clean cloth. Do not use other solvents or an abrasive cleaner as these could cause permanent damage to the surface.

### **Staining**

The finishes used on various doors will resist most household chemicals. However damage and discolouration can be caused by some chemicals and strong dyes such as concentrated fruit juices, beetroot juice etc. If spillage occurs, wipe away and rinse immediately, ensure to leave the door dry.

### **Temperature and Humidity**

When cooking and washing try to ensure there is adequate ventilation. Dryers, if possible, should be vented to the outside to avoid excessive humidity in the kitchen. Excessive changes in temperature and humidity should be avoided as much as possible.