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Storing your internal doors

Before you fit your doors, you need to make sure you store your doors flat, fully supported off the floor with at least three full-width bearers of the same dimension. Avoid anywhere that might be too humid or too dry and store in a well-ventilated area with their protective packaging intact.

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Before fitting your internal doors

You need to make sure that your door is fully sealed before you hang it. Many of our doors come fully finished, however, if you've purchased an unfinished or primed door you will need to finish the door with your chosen paint or varnish.

Make sure that you sand all surfaces to remove any nibs or finger marks both before painting/varnishing and then again between coats.

There are numerous wood finishes/sealants on the market and we would advise investing in a quality solvent based finish that reflects the high quality of the door and has real sealing properties. You'll need to avoid any water-based finishes and also Danish oil which is not suitable as a finish on any of our products.

And of course, don't miss any part of the door out in your finishing regime – check all the edges and any cut-outs to make sure they are all covered, even if you're not going to physically see them when the door is hung.

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Fitting your internal doors

If you're able to, always use a professional wooden door fitter. This will ensure that all of your doors are fitted to an excellent standard by a qualified professional.

If you're fitting the doors yourself, please refer to our installing internal doors guide but take note of the following before you begin:

Don't fit a door into any area that has been recently plastered or screeded. Because there will be moisture present in such areas it can lead to a door swelling, twisting or bowing. Fitting your doors too soon will leave them vulnerable to the elements and may drastically affect the operation and look of your doors.



Maintaining your wooden doors

As with any other aspect of a home, you'll need to keep an eye on your doors for wear and tear. Making sure the finish of your doors is not worn or doesn't need a refresh in places is vital to ensure the ongoing life of your door. Reapplying paints or varnishes can make a real difference to the life and look of your doors. Often sealants will come with suggested time periods within which it should be refreshed, so take a look before you discard your varnishes, sealants, or paints to make sure you know when to diarise a touch-up or two.

Door Finishes

If your new internal doors are supplied unfinished, you will want to ensure that you choose a quality finishing product to maintain their long term appearance and performance.

There are numerous brands available on the market and we fear that some are formulated to achieve a low market price rather than quality.

If you are purchasing any unfinished doors from JB Kind, it is imperative that they are sealed on all faces and edges to help protect the guarantee.

Good quality solvent or acrylic finishes may be used, but check that they are suitable for use with timber laminates or veneers. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully and avoid over applying the treatment, particularly the first coat. If in doubt, consult a specialist Decorating Merchant.

For a perfect oak door finish

We strongly recommend the following finishing products that have been tested on our unfinished oak internal doors with excellent results.



Manns Premier Door Oil

All-in-one natural hard wax oil that dries to a natural clear matt finish.

Suitable for unfinished timber veneered doors.

Easy to apply and does not peel or flake.

Manns Extra Tough Interior Varnish

Clear, water based varnish that is available in 4 sheen levels.

Manufactured to achieve superior durability on interior wooden surfaces.

How to oil an interior wooden door

Note:

Natural oils such as Danish Oil, tung oil and linseed oil are not suitable for use with any of our products. These solutions are penetrating oils and are not suitable for use with veneered doors.