

CARE AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS **Sunflex SF65 Timber Folding Sliding Door system**

You are now the proud owner of a Sunflex Timber Folding Sliding Door system. Your door system has been manufactured to the highest standards and will be a pleasure to use. To ensure that your system is kept in its peak condition we recommend that you follow the simple steps below; these guide notes are intended to help you maintain your system. You will also find information on how to clean the system and re-coat when required.

1. Doors should always be opened and closed in accordance with operating instructions.
2. Doors must not be left in the open position for long periods of time, and must not be left open in adverse weather conditions.
3. Keys should not be left in the doors, when key locks are fitted to handle positions and doors are outward opening, do not leave keys in the lock after unlocking. This will cause severe damage when doors are folded.
4. Doors can be cleaned with mild soapy water. Stubborn marks can be removed by using methylated spirits; this is suitable for all finishes whether a timber stain or a painted finish. On white painted finishes the more stubborn marks can be removed with a diluted cream cleaner.
5. Bottom tracks to be kept clean; a vacuum cleaner is the easiest method. After cleaning it is recommended that the track is then lubricated with a silicone spray at the point where the wheel and guide discs (at the bottom of the running gear which is connected to the hinges) connect with the track; this prolongs the life of your system. You can also spray the running gear and guide discs for optimum performance.
6. In the unlikely event of a squeaky hinge, this can easily be remedied by spraying the hinge with some silicone spray.

RE-COATING OF FINISH

For doors finished in our standard range of finishes, the finish should be re-coated dependant upon the location and type of colour finish. Please find below a chart indicating the recommended periodic checks for re-coating. Your contract will detail the code number of the stain applied and you can obtain the stain from most retailers. Should you have any problems with obtaining the correct stain for your system, please do not hesitate to contact us on 0845 612 5 612.

<u>Colour Finishes</u>	<u>Visual Checks</u>	Re-Coating Period	
		Exposed to Sunlight /Adverse Weather	Sheltered/Where doors are under large soffits
Teak/Danish Oil	6 Months	6-12 Months	12 Months
Ash	Annually	1-2 years	2-3 years
Pine	Annually	2 years	3 years
Afrosia	Annually	2 years	3 years
Antique Pine	Annually	2 years	3 years
Light Oak	Annually	2 years	3 years
Dark Oak	Annually	3 years	4 years
Mahogany	Annually	3 years	4 years
Teak	Annually	3 years	4 years
Walnut	Annually	4-5 years	5 years
Palisander	Annually	4-5 years	5 years
Dark Brown	Annually	4-5 years	5 years
Ebony	Annually	4-5 years	5 years
RAL Colour Painted Finish	Annually	4-5 years	5 years

The gaskets (rubber seals) can be removed for ease of application – they must all be put back in before using the doors after re-coating.

For the best results we recommend you follow the simple guide notes below when applying the finish:

1. Remove all gaskets.
2. Lightly abrade with a medium/fine grade silicon carbide paper to provide a surface 'key'. Remove all dust.
3. If the timber feels greasy (common on some types of timber) you should thoroughly 'degrease' with cellulose thinner or methylated spirits (not white spirit) and allow the solvent to evaporate before over coating. Both eye and hand protection is strongly advised. Use a lint free cloth and frequently change the face.
4. Decorate with two full coats of recommended finish to obtain uniform coverage over all areas to be decorated. Do not thin. Use a soft, long, fine fibre synthetic brush. Ensure the end grain is well coated. Finish in the direction of the grain. The wet film thickness of each coat must not be less than 65 micrometers. Allow a minimum drying time of five hours between coatings normal drying conditions.

5. Ensure all surfaces are dry and re-insert gaskets.

Should you have any queries when re-coating, please call us and we will be pleased to answer any queries.