

APPLIED BRONZE FINISH

The product you have purchased is made from solid brass with a bronze finish which is coated in a protective acrylic lacquer.

About once a week, lacquered products should be wiped clean with a soft damp cloth and then buffed with a wax polish to provide an extra layer of protection. Under no circumstances should metal cleaning polish be used as this will destroy the lacquer.

Over time, the lacquer may start to deteriorate due to exposure to rain/ pollution/ salt/ scratches etc. This may be visible in the form of darker spots which have a slight roughness to touch. Fortunately, the dark bronze finish naturally conceals much of this.

At this stage, we would recommend using a small amount of WD40 (or similar) to gently rub out any rough spots instead of the damp cloth during your regular maintenance, again finishing with a wax buff.

It is also possible to strip the lacquer and leave the metal to age naturally or to be polished to a shine by following these instructions...

- a.** remove the piece which has started to tarnish from the door.
- b.** apply a thick layer of paint or lacquer stripper to it and leave for about 45 minutes in a well-ventilated dry place.
- c.** after this time the lacquer should be able to be washed off with the help of a scrubbing brush.
You should see and feel it peeling off but stages "b" and "c" can be repeated if necessary.
- d.** the piece is now bare and exposed to the elements. To maintain it's appearance, it should be polished regularly with a good ammonia based metal polish such as *Peek* or *Wenol* and buffed to a finish with beeswax.