



# Internal Pre-Finished Engineered Hardwood Doors

## Installation, Finishing & Care Instructions



### Important Notes

It is important you read this leaflet before installing the door. The guidelines below will help ensure the door is fitted correctly and in a suitable environment. **Failure to adhere to the instructions could invalidate any guarantee claims.**

- **Doors must be stored flat on 3 level bearers**
- **Doors must be kept dry at all times**
- **Avoid direct contact with sunlight**
- **Do not install or store the door in newly plastered rooms**
- **Polythene wrapping should remain on the doors until immediately before installation**
- **Check the door for defects and damage before installation, do not install the door if any defects or damage are found**
- **Any door which has been worked on cannot be exchanged, with the exception of a door with a proven manufacturing defect**
- **Doors should be handled carefully with clean gloves and not dragged across each other or other surfaces**
- **Any trimmed edges and all cut outs must be re-finished before hanging**

### Finishing

Both faces and all edges of this door are lacquered. To reduce the risk of distortion all trimmed edges and cut outs must be re-finished before the door is hung.

You can use water based or solvent varnishes. If using a solvent based finish, we recommend the use of a VOC 2010 compliant product.

Our doors are NOT suitable for waxes, polishes, dyes or oils (e.g Danish Oil) as they do not properly seal the door and can lead to delamination of the veneer.

Sadolin internal varnish is a close match to the varnish used to finish the door and can be used to re-finish trimmed edges and cut-outs. Howdens touch up kits are also available.

### Hanging

**Note:** Doors for internal use should be fully finished before being hung.

If the door is to be reduced in size, an equal amount of timber should be cut down from either side/top or bottom (**please note that this must never exceed 8mm in total, 4mm each side**). All lock or handle cavities should be kept to a minimum size and sited away from the mid rail joint, these areas should then be re-sealed.

Whilst checking the size in the door frame, mark hinge positions and any levers or locks you wish to attach to the door.

### Maintenance & Repairs

The surface finish will be highly resistant to the rigours of normal use and should usually only need regular light dusting with a soft cloth.

If sticky marks occur on the surface they can be removed with a dilute solution of warm soapy water. The offending area should be rubbed lightly and then completely dried immediately afterwards.

Use of cleaning materials containing abrasive compounds, solvents, acidic or caustic substances and any bleaches containing oxidising substances should be avoided as prolonged use may damage the lacquer surface.

As a general recommendation furniture polishes containing silicones should be avoided as they can contaminate the finish surface and cause problems if the finish ever needs repainting. If scratches or blemishes in the surface require repairing use Howdens repair kit.

### Conditions of Sale

Howdens Joinery will not be held responsible for any incidental work or problems as a result of bad storage, handling or incorrect fitting and finishing of our doors. The foregoing does not affect your statutory rights.