



FABCO

Aftercare & Maintenance Guide

Steel windows, properly maintained, can be expected to last the life of the building. Simple measures, such as always having the metal frame surfaces washed down at the same time as the glass is cleaned, and undertaking an annual inspection of working parts, gasket weatherseals and joint sealants, will do much to ensure their trouble-free performance.

Fabco steel window frames have a factory applied polyester powder coating. Wash down periodically – at intervals of between three and twelve months, depending on the amount of grime and salt in the atmosphere. Use a mild non-alkaline detergent in warm water, and apply with a soft cloth or sponge, using nothing harsher than a bristle brush or nylon pad. Give a final rinse with clean water.



Outer frame sill channels have drain holes that can become clogged with paint, grime or insects. Clean them out and keep them open to ensure that the windows maintain their designed weather performance.

The synthetic rubber weatherseals should also be included in periodic maintenance inspections to ensure a longer life and weathertight seal for your Fabco doors and windows. These can be washed down at the same time as the frame, using clean water and a light application of pressure with a microfibre cloth or soft bristle brush.

Do ensure that these are sufficiently dried after cleaning.

Hinges and pivots should be lubricated using a light penetrating oil at yearly intervals. If seized up, they should be doused with a 3in1 oil based spray and gently worked free. To ensure longevity, their tightening screws and locking nuts should be checked periodically.

Handles, stays and catches should be checked for proper operation. They should move freely and be lightly oiled, waxed or greased as necessary. If damaged, they can usually be repaired or replaced.

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A sateen polished solid brass surface given a hand applied medium patina, producing a soft, slightly reflective sheen. Treated with a thin beeswax coating for protection during transit and installation. An unlacquered living finish, intended to oxidize and patina naturally over time.

An occasional light application of a good quality wax will assist in keeping the finish in good condition.

Antique Brass Unlacquered (ABU)

A sateen polished solid brass surface treated with a thin beeswax coating for protection during transit and installation. An unlacquered living finish, intended to oxidize and patina naturally over time.

An occasional light application of a good quality wax will assist in keeping the finish in good condition. Metal polish can be used if desired.

Satin Brass Unlacquered (SBU)



A satin nickel-plated surface given a light bronze patina to produce an aged nickel silver appearance. This is a living finish intended to oxidize and patina naturally over time.

An occasional light application of a good quality wax will assist in keeping the finish in good condition.

Satin Nickel Bronzed (SNB)

A satin Chromium plate on top of a nickel plate, sateen polished, solid brass surface. Chromium plating is a very hard wearing, stable finish, suitable for most environments.

An occasional light application of a good quality wax will assist in keeping the finish in good condition. Metal polish can be used if desired.

Satin Chrome (SC)



A matt black nickel plate on top of a specially prepared solid brass surface, producing a non-reflective smoky effect. Nickel plated finishes are perfect for all interior locations but may gradually oxidize over time when fitted externally.

An occasional light application of a good quality wax will assist in keeping the finish in good condition. To remove any effects of natural ageing and to maintain the finish, clean with a metal polish.

Matt Black Nickel (MBN)

A deep matt black Chromium plating on top of a specially prepared surface producing a flat non-reflective finish. Chromium plating is a very hard wearing, stable finish, suitable for most environments.

An occasional light application of a good quality wax will assist in keeping the finish in good condition.

Matt Black Chrome (MBC)

