



UK OAK DOORS

Oak door care:

# How To Treat Your Newly Delivered Doors

**At UK Oak Doors we take great pride in our brand and the quality of our products, and we cannot stress enough how important it is to care for oak doors correctly in order to preserve the beauty and strength of the wood.**

All our internal and external doors are supplied untreated but the quality of the treatment is a moot point if the door is not correctly cared for prior to treating and hanging. This PDF describes essential oak door care and what vital precautions must be taken regarding the packaging, storage, treatment and maintenance of your door.

## **INSPECTION...**



### ***Reseal and Retain In Original Packaging Afterwards***

When you receive your doors you should check them thoroughly. You're extremely unlikely to find any problems but you should check, just to be sure. The doors will arrive well sealed (this is to ensure no moisture comes into contact with the oak during transit). When you've checked your delivery, reseal the plastic wrapping (it should be airtight) and place the door back in its box.

### **Your new doors must be kept in the original packaging until you come to treat them.**

Any moisture the doors are exposed to before treating will become trapped in the door after treatment, potentially causing the door to warp as it dries.



# STORAGE

*Flat & dry only*



**Your new doors should always be stored on a flat, dry floor.**

Storing them upright against a wall will cause unnecessary stress on the door, and may cause it to sag or bend. There is also a risk of the door falling over; potentially causing damage to the door, or anyone in its way.

Any untreated doors must be stored in a dry room that's free from damp. This also applies to any recently plastered rooms. When you see the colour of wet plastered walls change as they dry you are seeing the effects of water moisture leaving the wall and becoming absorbed by the room atmosphere.

Our oak doors are unfinished so customers can choose their preferred finish but this does mean they can be susceptible to absorbing any moisture in the air before being treated. Leaving oak doors in a wet room will cause the doors to warp as they absorb the excess moisture in the environment.

Make sure walls and floors are completely dry and packaging is air tight when storing doors.

## OAK DOOR CARE

*Treatment & Maintenance*

**Always treat your doors before they are hung, not after.**

It is vital to ensure all areas of the door are treated; be careful not to miss areas where the door has been cut for hinges or other furniture, and be particularly careful with areas of the door that have been trimmed.

- » Remember that trimming doors which have been pre-treated will remove the treatment from that area.
- » Treat your doors in a dry environment, as soon as they have been removed from the packaging.
- » Use only high quality treatments such as Treatex Hardwax Oil or Impranol for exterior doors.

Be vigilant about damage that may occur once the door is hung and in use. Our doors are extremely tough, but untreated scratches can enable moisture to enter the wood and cause damage, particularly in external doors.

**However, if you follow the above rules for oak door care, your doors should comfortably last a lifetime and beyond!**

