




UK OAK DOORS

How to oil an external

# Oak Door



**Our solid oak external doors are handcrafted with care to ensure stability and warp resistance, but to ensure they last you a lifetime they must be correctly treated and cared for.**

The effects of harsh weather conditions like wind, rain and snow can all contribute to rot and damage.

Because Oak is a natural product, we do not recommend the doors are directly exposed to the elements, ideally the door will be enclosed within a porch or under a canopy. To further ensure they last for as long as possible, you must treat them before fitting them, and then clean and re-treat them every two or three years.

**Here is our guide to correctly treating your external oak doors...**

## You will need...

- » Sanding pads 150 grit – 250 grit
- » Safety Goggles & Safety Mask
- » Latex or Safety Gloves
- » Micro Fiber Cloth or Tack Cloth
- » Varnish Paint Brush or Lint Free Cloths
- » External Treatment Oil (We recommend Osmo or Impranol)
- » Masking Tape – For Glazed doors and Door Knobs
- » Dust Sheets

# Treating the door..

1. Ensure your working area is well ventilated before and after treatment.
2. Cover any glazing or door furniture with your masking tape.
3. Our doors are pre-sanded but you may need to buff over any uneven areas once you have cut into the wood for the hinges and handles etc.
4. Wipe away dust with a microfiber cloth. Use a damp lint free cloth to wipe away any remaining sawdust.
5. Ensure the wood you are about to treat is clean, dry and free from damp or moisture.
6. We recommend using either Impranol External Treatment or Osmo UV Protection Oil to treat your wood.
7. Stir the oil well before use and using a flat brush, the product should be applied evenly following the direction of the fibres.
8. The product should not be applied at temperatures less than 5 degrees Celsius or in blazing sun.
9. Under normal weather conditions the finish will be dry to the touch after approximately 12 hours and able to be painted after approximately 1 day.
10. Please read the oil manufacturer's Instructions regarding how many coats to apply; they normally recommend between 2 – 4 coats.
11. To prevent moisture entering the timber, be sure to seal inside lock and letter box cut outs, behind hinges, both the top edge and bottom edge of the door, and door sides.
12. Both sides of the door should be done at the same time to ensure correct moisture content is maintained throughout the entire thickness of the door.
13. You may need to lightly rub any uneven areas with wire wool once the first or second coat is dry.
14. Depending on the level of weathering, apply 1 coat of treatment Oil after approximately 2 – 4 years on the cleaned and damp free door surface.



## Which oil should I use?

After many years of testing various brands and products, we can highly recommend both Impranol and Osmo oils.



**Impranol** needs to be applied in two stages. Stage one is the colour base coat; this needs approximately 8 hours drying time and 12 hours before you can apply the second coat. Stage two is the elan top coat; being highly translucent it enhances the natural grain of the wood. Available to purchase separately or as part of a value pack.



**Osmo Oak UV Protection Oil** should be applied in two coats, allowing 12 hours drying time inbetween coats.

### **We do not recommend using:**

Water based varnishes or paints, natural oils (e.g. Teak oil, Linseed oil, Danish oil, Vegetable oil, Soya Bean oil etc.) or wax, as we do not consider these to give adequate protection against the elements and harmful UV rays.



**The Safety Bit**

Ensure adequate ventilation of work area.

Do not breathe spray mist.

Avoid contact with skin and eyes.

Wear goggles and mask when spraying or in insufficiently ventilated areas.

Cover light switches, sockets and electric cables to avoid short-circuiting.

Avoid naked flames.

Do not spray plants.

Wash face and hands thoroughly before eating and after work.

When working, do not eat, drink or smoke.

Keep out of reach of children and away from animals, and keep away from

food, drink and animal feeding stuffs.

Do not pour into household receptacles for food or beverages.

Re-seal opened containers tightly after use.

Keep only in the original container.