



## Maintenance Tips

### *Keeping your aluminium front door looking new*

Your entrance is the gateway to your property, making a first impression on visitors. Aluminium front doors from top brands like Spitfire designs are beloved for their sleek appearance and longevity.

Like any other surface, aluminium doors need care and attention to keep them looking pristine.

Here are some of our top tips for maintaining your aluminium front door:

#### **What's the best front door installation aftercare advice?**

After installing an aluminium front door, regular maintenance is important from the get-go. Begin by inspecting the door for any signs of damage incurred during transportation or installation, which hopefully won't be the case if you've used a reputable Spitfire installer. Check for dents, scratches or misalignments in the frame or panels and the operation of the door feels smooth.

You should receive a manual for your door to explain all the different features, and your installer will give bespoke advice about the best aftercare for your chosen product. Familiarise yourself with the manufacturer's guidelines for maintenance tips and warranty information, prolonging the door's lifespan.

#### **How do you clean aluminium front doors?**

Aluminium requires minimal maintenance, so cleaning your front door should be easy. This is a great way to keep your front door looking like new. Remove any surface dirt or debris using a soft-bristled brush or cloth, avoiding abrasive materials. Next, prepare a solution of mild detergent and water, avoiding harsh chemicals that may damage the door's finish.

After cleaning, rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove any soapy residue, drying the door with a soft towel to prevent streaks. If your door is exposed to harsh weather conditions or heavy traffic, consider cleaning it more frequently to maintain its look and functionality. You should also protect the door's surface from any chemicals which may cause discolouration.

#### **Can you remove stains from powder coated doors?**

Powder-coated aluminium doors are known for their longevity and weather resistance. However, they may still get stains, especially in high-traffic areas or after a storm. To remove stains from powder-coated doors, begin by identifying the type of stain you're dealing with.

For fresh or mild stains, a solution of warm water and gentle detergent should be enough. Apply the solution to the area and gently wipe with a soft sponge or cloth. For tougher stains, consider using a specialised aluminium cleaner or polish recommended by the door manufacturer to avoid damage.

#### **How do you inspect an aluminium front door for wear and tear?**

Regular front door inspections can help you tackle potential issues before they get worse. Always visually check the door for signs of wear, such as scratches, dents or areas of discolouration.

You should also test the door's operation by opening and closing it several times, paying attention to any stiffness or resistance. Check the hinges, handles and locks for looseness or signs of corrosion, lubricating them as needed to ensure smooth operation.