



# Maintenance and Care for you DAB door

## DOOR SURFACE CLEANING AND CARE

Regular surface cleaning will prevent the adherence of ambient material to the door. Surface cleaning is recommended at least twice a year depending on ambient conditions and for homes in high salt areas or within 2 miles of the coast surface cleaning is recommended at least 4 times a year or more as needed. **Failure to do so may result in loss of warranty coverage.**

### Cleaning instructions

The complete door skin should be rinsed with a water including but not limited to behind the stop molding and where the sections meet. Using a mild liquid soap and water wash the door with a soft brush, sponge, or cloth. Rinse and let dry.

House hold dish soap or Simple green is recommended.

Warning: Do not use any solvents or harsh cleaners. Do not use a pressure cleaner. Do not use abrasive brushes or pads.

Note: It's the owner's responsibility to protect the door against harsh or corrosive substances, such as, but not limited to fertilizers, acids, alkali solutions, de-icing salts, salt spray etc.

### Door preservation

Once the door is cleaned and dry apply a spray wax to the surface of the door to preserve the finish. Apply the spray wax to all surfaces that are exposed to the elements [Ex salt]. Apply the wax using a nonabrasive cloth. This will help prevent ambient material from adhering to the door and possible rust from salt adhering to the door. The wax should only be applied to the steel door skin; no windows or hardware should be sprayed with wax.

### Painting your door

All of our products are manufactured from galvanized steel with a high quality baked on polyester finish that requires no additional painting unless the homeowner wishes to change the doors original color. If the homeowner decides to change the color of the door panels, use high quality 100% acrylic latex paint that is exterior grade. **Do not use oil based or alkyd modified paints as it will have adverse effects on the factory finish and void your warranty. Painting your door will limit the lifetime warranty to the original owner and cause the transferability of the limited lifetime warranty to be void.**

Painting instructions

1. The door must be cleaned (see cleaning instructions) and dry prior to applying any primer.



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2. Once the door is cleaned and dry apply a coat of high quality on each door panel to enhance the inter-paint adhesion.
3. Evenly paint the door using a brush to ensure the paint reaches in between the wood grain embossment of the door panels. A roller can be used for the second coat if needed.

Do not sand the door panel. Sanding the door panel will void the manufacturer's limited lifetime warranty. Sanding can remove the rust-inhibiting properties of the door's factory finish. The only circumstance sanding is needed is when repairing the paint (See paint repair)

### Paint repair

In the event the door's surface becomes damaged, or bare metal is exposed, it is necessary to repair that area to prevent rust from forming.

1. The surface should be sanded in that area using a fine to medium sandpaper, making sure to remove any signs of rust.
2. Clean the area with a clean rag
3. Apply a high quality rust-inhibiting, zinc enriched primer that is designed for covering bare metal or galvanized steel.
4. Paint the repaired area per the painting instructions.