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## **Maintaining Your Polyurethane Finished Wood Door**

Thank you for purchasing your new wood entry door from Hoelscher Weatherstrip! Your new door has been carefully finished with polyurethane varnish to insure its protection and beauty upon installation. In spite of our efforts to protect your purchase, all doors are susceptible to wear from natural elements and exposure. The three main sources are mold, rain, and the sun. The keys to your door's longevity and continued beauty are a maintenance program and periodic refinishing.

### **Maintenance**

Taking care of your door is simpler than you may think. Your main objective should be to keep the exterior clean to allow the polyurethane varnish to continue to protect your investment. We suggest using a light non-abrasive glass cleaner. It is typically packaged in a plastic bottle with a pump-sprayer applicator.

This product should be used monthly. You need to apply it to the entire exterior of your door. Please include the glass and handle set as well. Apply it generously and then wipe your door dry with a clean towel. This process is your main defense against the airborne mold, fungus, and pollutants. This will also prolong the life of the protective finish on your new handle set, as your hardware's lacquer coating can also be affected by these same elements. Please refrain from using anything with harsh cleaning ingredients, wax or oils. These will only cause the premature breakdown of the polyurethane finish.

### **Refinishing**

Even the best maintained door will eventually need refinishing. Exposure to rain and sun will be the main factors in determining when and how often this process will be required. Doors with a full eastern or western exposure will require the most frequent refinishing. We recommend you contact a professional door refinishing company. They will be glad to help you assess the refinishing needs of your door, and can also set up a refinishing program to ensure the lasting beauty of your entry door if necessary.