

Ironmongery and Fittings



At Gowercroft, we use only the highest quality ironmongery and fittings, purchased from a range of manufacturers across Europe.

These units should last for decades even in the harshest of conditions, but you can extend the lifespan further by following a few simple guidelines.

Cleaning

- Clean fittings exclusively with a soft cloth and a diluted mild, pH-neutral cleaning solution.
- Do not allow dust or condensation to build up on the fittings.
- Never use aggressive, acid-containing cleaning materials or scouring agents.

General Maintenance Guidelines

In domestic situations; annually:

- check that fitting components are firmly seated and examine for signs of wear. If necessary, retighten fixing screws and consider replacing worn components.
- lubricate all moving and locking parts of the fittings, and check for faultless functioning.

In hotels, schools and commercial buildings, these checks should occur at least every 6 months.

Protection of Fittings

- Keep the fittings free from dirt and building material deposits. Use water to remove dirt arising from plaster, mortar or similar before it binds.
- Environmental conditions should be carefully controlled. Excess dampness will produce condensation which cannot evaporate and, over time, can cause corrosion of the metal.
- Protect the ironmongery from aggressive vapours. Even with a small amount of condensation, aggressive vapours can result in rapid corrosion.
- Protect from tannic and other acids. Timber can be high in certain acids, ensure that fittings do not come into contact with unfinished wood.
- Protect from harsh sealants. Ensure use of only those sealants that specifically mention suitability with galvanised steel.
- Do not varnish or paint. Remove or tape up fittings and ironmongery during refinishing of timber products.

Note: special care should be taken of black, cast iron fittings. They are more susceptible to rust and will require regular oiling. Rust can leach and damage the finish of your items and, with cast iron fittings, this would not be covered by your guarantee.

For more tips on keeping the best possible finish, visit our website (www.gowercroft.com/aftercare).

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