

# CARE AND MAINTENANCE

## CARE OF FINISHES.

It is important that particular care is taken to clean and maintain the surface finish of door furniture since many finishes; especially anodised, electro-plated polished and lacquered surfaces may be damaged by incorrect cleaning.

Frequent dusting using a soft, dry cloth and occasional washing with warm soapy water, followed by a light application of good quality wax polish will provide a good foundation for preserving the appearance of most finishes. Chemical sprays, cellulose based thinners and silicone based polishes should be avoided. Use of any chemicals or cleaners, other than those specified by Häfele, is at the sole discretion of the end user and no responsibility will be accepted by Häfele.

Door furniture fitted externally will require more regular attention due the increased exposure to atmospheric conditions, dust, dirt and moisture. It is strongly advised that solvents, metal polishes or abrasive powders should not be used for cleaning lacquered or electro-plated finishes.

### **Anodised Aluminium**

Anodised aluminium should be washed periodically with a weak detergent solution and occasionally wiped with wax polish.

### **Bronze**

Bronze finishes should be periodically washed with warm soapy water. They should also be treated with a sparing amount of wax or furniture polish.

### **Electro-plated**

Electrophoretic and plated finishes should be wiped clean with soapy water and a soft cloth and then wiped dry.

### **Brass Lacquered**

Lacquered brass should be cleaned by the occasional application of coating wax polish. Eventually the lacquer will become damaged and break down. When this occurs all traces of the lacquer should be removed using acetate lacquer remover. The product may then be re-lacquered or cleaned as unlacquered brass.

### **Nickel and Chrome plated**

Door furniture with nickel and chrome finishes should be washed periodically with a weak detergent solution and rubbed occasionally with paraffin or light oil on a cloth.

### **Nylon**

Nylon is a non-porous material with smooth surfaces that do not attract dust. Its appearance can be maintained by wiping with a damp cloth.

### **Stainless Steel**

Stainless steel should be dusted regularly, occasionally washed with warm soapy water and dried with a soft clean cloth. Avoid acid or chloride based cleaning products.

### **Brass Unlacquered**

Natural unlacquered brass should be polished from time to time with a proprietary brass cleaner or left to acquire the natural patina of brass over time.