

Maintenance Windows



All hinges and locking points should be kept clean and clear of dirt and an annual application of light oil is recommended, the tightness of all screws and fittings should also be checked. The scissor mechanism of friction hinges should be periodically lubricated, also oil all pivot points and clean and oil moving parts of espagnolette locks.



Sliding Doors



Lightly oil locking cam slots, and ensure that the bottom track is clear of dirt and debris.

DO NOT LUBRICATE.

DO NOT LUBRICATE LOCK CYLINDER - IT IS PACKED WITH SPECIAL GREASE.

Doors

All moving areas of the lock should be given an annual application of light oil. The keeps should be given a coating of petroleum jelly or similar. The locking cams can be adjusted to improve sealing. Clean and oil all external metal parts annually. Hinges and letter plates should be given an annual application of light oil.



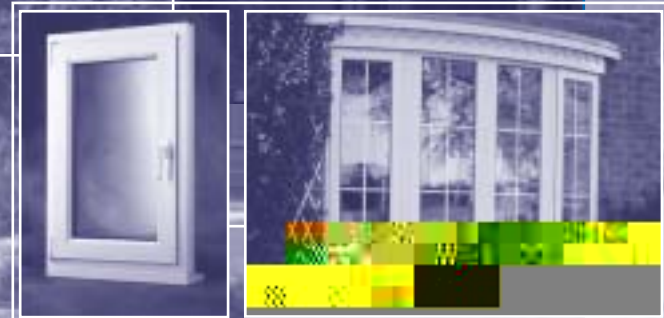
Security

Plastmo windows and doors boast a wide variety of security fixtures to protect both you and your home. To take full advantage of these features, take note of the following suggestions.

- *Never leave a window open when your house is unattended.
- *Lock all windows in the closed position and remove the keys.
- *Make sure that keys are within easy reach of the window but out of external view, make sure that all members of the house know where these keys are kept, should the need come to vacate the building in an emergency.
- *At night, or when the house is to be left unattended make sure that handles are lifted and keys turned to activate security dead bolts.

Maintenance Guide

This helpful guide covers a variety of maintenance aspects and information, to help you get the best from your investment.



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Glass & Glazing

Warm soapy water or a quality glass cleaner is adequate to remove dirt from all variations of glass units. To prevent scratching of the units, the use of a soft cloth is recommended. Either the use of gloves, or the removal of all hand jewellery is advised to prevent unnecessary scratching of the glazing.

PVC-U Frames

Maintenance of the PVC-U profile should consist of a regular clean with a mild non abrasive detergent solution. For stubborn dirt and marks, use a suitable cream cleaner, abrasive cleaners however should not be used and on NO ACCOUNT should steam cleaning be used.

For woodgrain effects or coloured profile, simply wash the frames with warm soapy water. DO NOT use abrasive cleaners as this may affect the overall finish of the woodgrain finish on NO ACCOUNT should steam cleaning be used.

Gaskets & Seals

Clean the gasket regularly with a mild non abrasive detergent. Following cleaning check that all gaskets and seals are correctly located around the frames and openers. All gaskets and weather strips can be replaced without the removal of the window or sash, this should only be carried out by installers using quality materials recommended by Plastmo Profiles.

Locks & Hinges



All hardware products require maintaining at regular intervals. It is recommended that all locks and hinges are lightly oiled after the cleaning of the frames. Use a light machine oil eg 3 in 1 or WD40. For hinges, make sure that all parts are clean and free of obstructions, apply one drop of oil to each pivot and wipe away with a clean dry cloth. Clean locking mechanisms in the same way. If cleaning handles with polish i.e brass cleaner, mask off surrounding PVC to protect it.

Conservatories & Porches

Polycarbonate and PVC-U roofing may be cleaned using a mild soap solution. DO NOT under any circumstances use cleaning agents containing organic solvents, ammonia or anionic surfactants. Make sure that gutters and drains are clear of leaves, wash roof panels every four months with soap and water to remove grime.

N.B. DO NOT USE ABRASIVE CLEANERS. DO NOT WALK ON CONSERVATORY ROOFS. Your double glazing is designed with an internal drainage system to help water flow to the outside. Make sure that the slots of this system remain unblocked to ensure efficiency. When cleaning ensure that weatherseals do not become dislodged - contact your installer if weatherseals are broken or damaged and need to be replaced.

Condensation prevention

To help prevent condensation provide natural ventilation wherever possible by opening a window or fitting extraction units in kitchens and bathrooms. Maintain some permanent heat in the house during cold weather. Bedroom windows should have a night ventilation facility. Also remember to keep internal doors to kitchens and bathrooms shut to contain moisture. NB SECURITY SHOULD BE REMEMBERED WHEN LEAVING WINDOWS OPEN.