



## Fiberglass Entry Door Care & Maintenance



**Beauty, craftsmanship and quality are what make HMI Fiberglass Doors** the most sought after fiberglass doors on the market.

**HMI Entry Doors are engineered to provide years of trouble free enjoyment. Your door is manufactured with special attention paid to the details.** Rich color finishes; wood grain stains and beautifully crafted glass are what set HMI doors apart from the rest.

To maintain your warranty and keep your entry door as beautiful as the first day it was installed, follow these maintenance instructions and schedule as follows.

### Harsh Environments

Doors exposed to salt air, fog, and where dark colored finishes are exposed to direct sun (Southern exposure), or are installed behind storm doors the following special instructions

apply. At installation – Apply protectant. Every 3 months – wash and apply protectant.

### Washing Your Door

Wash your door and glass using only mild dish washing detergent, warm water, and a soft cloth. **Do not use harsh detergents.** Rinse thoroughly with a gentle water spray.

- ✓ Avoid harsh cleaners. Examples of such cleaners are: glass cleaners, ammonia, bleaches, grease removers, detergents containing organic solvents, nail polish removers, and furniture polishes.
- ✓ Only wash or apply protectant when door is cool to the touch.
- ✓ Avoid chemical sprays such as lawn pesticides and fertilizers.

### Applying Protectant

After washing the door apply a non-powdering wax or protectant such as “Turtle Wax Express Shine”. Apply to the outside door face and edges, following the directions on the product label.

### Wood Grain Stained Doors

The HMI wood grained stained finish has been uniquely hand finished by experienced craftsmen. Much like wood, beautiful natural variations in finish color and shade will occur so that no two doors will look exactly alike.

To maintain the beauty and luster of your wood grain finish, long after the warranty is expired, it is recommended to periodically refinish the protective clear urethane coating. This is accomplished by lightly roughing up the surface with a “000” steel wool pad. Use a foam brush to apply a high quality clear exterior spar urethane (e.g. Min Wax) cut 10%. This will restore the clear coating to its original luster.

### Repair And Refinishing

The high quality fiberglass, special primers, and multiple finish coats applied to HMI doors provide an excellent base for future refinishing if your door is ever damaged, or if you wish to make a décor change.

Paint repairs or refinishing may be made with exterior grade solid color oil based paint.

For repair of wood grain finishes, where damage is exposed down to primer, first use exterior grade oil based paint to match the base color. Then apply an appropriate stain color to the repainted spot by hand rubbing and feathering to match the surrounding color. The stain should be an exterior grade solid color with quality pigments in an alkyd base for color retention. Finally, after being satisfied with the color match, apply a coat of a clear high quality spar urethane.

