

# Finishing guidance

## End User external Oak doors



1. These doors can be finished using Translucent or Opaque Coatings. We recommend the use of a good quality high performance external coating system from a reputable manufacturer. It is important to ensure that the product is suitable for use on veneered products prior to use.



2. Most external coating systems require 3 coats.  
i.e. A primer and two top coats or a base stain and two top coats.



3. If using a translucent coating, it is important not to use a clear product as this can lead to discolouration from UV degradation. All translucent coatings should contain slight pigmentation to protect from this.  
**Do not use varnish on our external doors.**



4. Prior to coating the door, sand using 240 grade sandpaper.



5. Remove any loose dust particles using a cloth or Vacuum if available.



6. Apply the first coat equally to all faces & edges including the top and bottom & also any cut outs created for letter plates etc.



7. Allow the recommended drying time as stated by the manufacturer. This information can be found to the rear of the tin.



8. Once the first coat is dry, a light sand using 240 grade or 320 grade sandpaper is required. **This is to provide an adequate “key” to ensure that any subsequent coatings adhere efficiently. Do not add subsequent coats without lightly sanding first.**



9. A compatible end grain sealer should now be applied to the top and bottom edges of the door with 2 coats recommended.



10. Apply Coats number 2 and 3 – again using a light sand in between coats.



11. The door should be fully finished and coated equally prior to final installation. This includes the top and bottom edges & also any cut outs created for letter plates etc.