



Finishing Off

Sealing

The recommended sealant for the exterior is Low Modulus Neutral Cure Silicone Sealant. Backing foam should be used where the perimeter gap is over 5mm. Where the gap is within the 5mm range, a neat application of silicone is all that is required on the outside.

A final check of the internal and external perimeter seals should be undertaken. Any weak spots that are identified should be rectified and tooled to a high visual finish. Any excess sealant must be cleaned off of the finished surfaces using appropriate cleaner.

Cleaning After Installation

If excess sealant is to be cleaned off. Ensure that any solvent used will not damage any of the metal finishes, synthetic rubbers or plastics which may be present.

Warning

Take particular care if there is any cement or plaster on the aluminium. It is harmful to the metal finish and should be washed off while still wet. DO NOT RUB or particles of grit will permanently damage the metal or paint finish.

Routine Cleaning

No aluminium finish is "Maintenance Free" and hence should be cleaned at regular intervals. See surface treatment suppliers literature/website for cleaning and maintenance requirements.

Maintenance

Periodic maintenance must be carried out on the locking gear at least once a year or more frequently depending upon the hostility of the environment, i.e. coastal regions or dusty environments.

All exposed moving parts and locking points should be greased and checked to see if they are functioning correctly.

Operating And Safety Instructions

In order to preserve functionality of the window, and to guarantee security, it is imperative the directives listed below are observed.

- *The window sash must not be burdened with additional weight.*
- *Do not place any objects between the sash and frame.*
- *Where small children or mentally handicapped persons have access to the window, the sash is to be safe guarded against opening, for example restrictor friction stays should be used.*
- *Do not leave sashes open during strong winds.*
- **Caution!** *A slamming sash can lead to injuries while closing. Do not grasp the window between the sash and frame.*