

# READY - 2 - FIT

PRE-SEALED, PRE-GLAZED - RANGE FOR INSTALLERS

# MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

Inspect all windows and doors every six months, before every wet season and dry season.

Swartland R-2-F products are professionally sealed in the factory with Maxicare, a German-engineered, water-based sealant.

Once installed and exposed to the elements, your products may need minimum maintenance to prolong their aesthetic appeal.

Maxicare is quick-drying and easy to apply.

## YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING:



Spray bottle



Sunlight liquid



Microfibre cloths



Kitchen sponges



Artist brush (No5)



Glass scraper

## TO MAINTAIN YOUR R-2-F PRODUCTS, FOLLOW THESE EASY STEPS:

### STEP 1

#### WOOD FRAME SURFACE PREPARATION

1. Mix Sunlight liquid with water in the spray bottle. (Mixing ratio: 20ml Sunlight to 1L water).
2. Spray the entire window.
3. Scrub the window frame lightly with the abrasive side of the kitchen sponge.
4. Follow the grain direction of the wood from the top of the window, working your way down.
5. Wash the glazing beads and the glass with the soft side of the sponge.
6. Rinse the entire window from top to bottom with clean water to remove soapy residue.
7. Repeat where stubborn dirt remains. Rinse with clean water.
8. Wait until product is completely dry.



### STEP 2

#### SEALANT PREPARATION

1. If the product appears milky-white when opening the tin, pigment may have sagged to the bottom.
2. Stir thoroughly until the colour of the sealant is uniform.



## STEP 3

### APPLYING THE SEALANT

1. Open all windows/doors.
2. Dab a clean sponge lightly in the sealant.
3. Start by applying the sealant to the frame first, then move on to the openers, working in the direction of the wood grain.
4. Starting at the top and working your way down, wipe the frame softly with the sponge to spread sealant evenly.
5. Use the artist paintbrush to apply sealant in hard-to-reach places, for example between the hinges and the reveal.



## STEP 4

### APPLY SEALANT TO THE GLAZING BEADS



Even though glazing beads are pre-painted in the factory, with prolonged exposure to the elements they are often the first part of a window or door to show signs of deterioration.

#### OPTION 1: GLAZING BEADS IN GOOD CONDITION

If there is no visible flaking, blistering or traces of fungus, apply sealant lightly with the soft side of the sponge.

#### OPTION 2: GLAZING BEADS IN POOR CONDITION

Remove all flaking paint from the surface. Sand lightly with 150-grid sanding paper, ensuring not to scratch the glass. Remove dust with a damp cloth. Apply sealant using the artist paintbrush. Apply a second and third coat if needed, allowing four hours of drying time between coats.

## STEP 5

### CLEANING THE GLASS

#### NOTE: DO NOT USE SCRAPER ON LOW E GLASS

1. If sealant gets onto glass, allow it to dry.
2. Scrape the glass scraper back and forth to remove dried sealant from the glass.
3. Be sure to use a new blade to avoid scratching the glass.
4. Wipe away dry sealant flakes.



## BE SURE TO SEAL ALL SURFACES - BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE - FOR MAXIMUM PROTECTION.

Regular checks and maintenance can head off potential problems before they arise, or in the very early stages.

Preventative treatment is essential to ensure that there is no severe damage.

It will save you time, effort and money in the long run, and will extend the life of your wood products.