



## CARE & MAINTENANCE & HANDLING

### UNLACQUERED (OILED/ WAXED) FINISHES

Aged brass & Aged copper finishes which are left unlacquered are treated with an oiled/ waxed finish. This finish is designed to age naturally as real brass or copper will – tarnishing, dullening over time and gradually becoming darker. To maintain this finish, apply any oil to a soft cloth and wipe over. Remove any excess oil to prevent tackiness to the touch. Avoid any harsh abrasives, acids, alcohol & vinegars.

Brushed Coppers and Brushed brasses, which are specified unlacquered are treated with a Beeswax. This offers protection while handling, freight & installation. To prevent irregular staining, we recommend removal of dust, salt and pollution with mild detergent/ soaps and maintained with wax or oil to bring back lustre and consistency.

Pearl Black Nickel unlacquered, is finishes with a lanolin or penetrating oil. This is a soft finish and as such with wear & tear will remove the blackening and reveal the silver nickel underneath. Regular oiling (lightly oiled soft cloth) will even out the finish, disguising stains and spills.

### HANDLING OF OILED FINISHES DURING INSTALLATION

Immediately after aging, the finish is soft and likely to be less robust. Overtime the oil settles and absorbs into the brass plating, as does the aging chemical – when the finish will then become more stable. Until this time, handle with care, package with blankets to prevent rubbing, and after installation, rub over lightly with a lightly oiled soft cloth to remove fingerprints.

Do not leave in plastic packaging as will sweat causing accelerated & inconsistent tarnishing.

### LACQUERED FINISHES

Astor apply a 2 pac clear automotive lacquer and should be treated as thus. No harsh abrasives. Clean with a soft cloth and mild detergent. Avoid any harsh abrasives or thinners.

### HANDLING OF LACQUERED FINISHES DURING INSTALLATION

Do not use masking tape or solvents to tape off areas. These are soft decorative metal finishes which should be handled as such and preferably installed after other trades – such as paint, plasterboard & tiling. Wipe over with soft cloth and handle carefully.

### CHROME

Remove dust with soft cloth routinely & regularly. When necessary clean with mild soap & detergents with a soft cloth. Brasso with a soft cloth is also a suitable cleaning method for all chrome finishes. A metal polish can be used. Silicone based household cleaners are also suitable. Avoid any harsh abrasives and scotchbrites. With care, the finish of the metal item will be maintained for many years.