BALDWIN ESTATE

LIVING FINISHES

Living Finishes include 031, 033, 102 and 402. These finishes do not have any protective coating applied and are manufactured to patina overtime. These finishes do not have any finish warranty.





031 033 102 402

102 AND 402 LIVING FINISHES RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE

Treat new hardware as soon as it is installed with a thin coat of 3-In-One Oil or its equivalent, which can be purchased at a local home center. Coat the entire surface generously and let it stand for a few minutes. Dab off the excess with a soft material. Do not wipe the product as it could remove the oxidation from the hardware. We suggest repeating this process every couple of months, but over time areas that are touched by the hand will reveal the brass substrate below. Areas that are not touched will remain the same in appearance as long as the finish is maintained.

031 LIVING FINISH RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE

This finish has been developed to age and patina over time. If you feel you do need to clean 031 finish use a soft cloth dampened with a mild, soapy water, and dry immediately with a soft cloth.

033 LIVING FINISH RECOMMENDED MAINTENANCE

Use rubbing alcohol and a soft cloth to remove any residual wax that may be on the hardware. Next, take a piece of Ultra Fine Scotch-Brite pad and randomly rub the hardware to remove any stains or dirt. Use a wood floor paste finishing wax, such as Minwax, and apply a light coat all over. Be sure to apply in the details of the hardware. Allow the wax to dry to a haze, then buff off the wax with a soft cloth.



CARE OF ALL BALDWIN FINISHES

We recommend the following to help prolong the hardware finish:

- Wait until nearby surfaces that have been treated with acid or chemicals has been completed before installing the hardware.
- Do not use any type of harsh chemicals on Baldwin door hardware.
- Be sure all surface paint or stain is fully dried before installing Baldwin hardware.
- Remove hardware when re-painting and do not re-install until paint is thoroughly dry.
- Avoid hitting your hardware with rings, keys or other sharp instruments.

MAINTAINING OIL RUBBED BRONZE FINISHES



HOW IS THE FINISH CREATED?

Today Baldwin creates the 102 and 402 finishes through a process of oxidation of the material. The color you see is actually obtained by immersing metal in a special chemical solutions which, when properly heated, reacts with the material and causes oxidation. To preserve this appearance, we coat it with a thin coat of wax and oil.

HOW SHOULD THE FINISH BE MAINTAINED?

After the hardware has been installed, the oil and wax may have been wiped off or worn away. We suggest treating the new hardware trim as soon as it's installed with a thin coat of light oil.

3-IN-ONE Oil or its equivalent will suffice. Coat the entire surface generously and let it stand for a few minutes. Then wipe off the excess lightly with a soft material. Care must be taken when treating the hardware not to saturate the finished surface of the door. This procedure should be repeated as needed and will depend on the amount of use, exposure to weather and wear of the hardware.



HOW WILL THE FINISH AGE?

Over time the oxidation will be worn away in those areas that are touched by the hand and reveal pleasing copper alloy tones. Areas that are not touched will remain the same in appearance as long as the finish is maintained. The general look of well maintained oil rubbed bronze is one of the most beautiful and practical hardware finishes available today, however on-going maintenance is mandatory to preserve its appearance.

MAINTAINING 033 VINTAGE BRASS FINISH



HOW IS THE FINISHED CREATED AND MAINTAINED?

033 Vintage Brass is a living finish, that has a coat of Paste Finishing Wax applied to preserve the finish while in inventory. After a couple of months this finish will start to patina. If you would like to slow the process, periodically apply a thin coat of Paste Finishing Wax, such as Minwax, buffing the wax when dry with a soft cloth. If the patina has started and you want to bring back the finish, use an ultra-fine Scotch Brite pad to clean the surface and apply a coat of Paste Finishing Wax, let dry and buff off with a soft cloth.