

Timber Veneer Care Instructions

Bord Products provides raw veneer boards, which require proper coating and finishing to ensure durability and functionality. These comprehensive care instructions incorporate industry best practices for maintaining your veneered products.

Finishing Requirements

It is essential that veneered surfaces be finished with a protective coating or lacquer to protect them from day-to-day usage. All surfaces, including edges of components and assemblies, must be sealed to prevent moisture ingress. Panels not properly sealed may be prone to bow or cup. The selection of appropriate surface coating or lacquer should consider:

- The end environment of the finished veneered surface
- The veneer colour and species
- Expected wear and usage patterns

For high-wear applications such as tabletops, harder wearing species should be selected with higher quality surface coatings.

General Care Guidelines

Avoid Wet or Damp Conditions:

- Do not leave veneered surfaces wet or damp
- Avoid placing staining materials (e.g., fruit juices, wine) on veneered surfaces
- Veneer products are suitable for interior use only
- High humidity, steam, and excessive water contact may cause the coating to crack or damage the veneer surface

Cleaning:

- Use warm, soapy water with a damp cloth for cleaning
- Immediately dry the surface after cleaning
- Do not use harsh or abrasive cleaners
- For dusting: Use only a soft dry cloth or feather duster
- For polishing: Use a high-quality furniture polish with a soft dry cloth. Avoid abrasive polishes and polishes containing silicone as they may cause recoating or refurbishment problems

Spillages:

- Clean all spillages with a damp cloth as soon as possible
- Moisture may damage the coating
- If spilled, remove chemical substances and alcohol immediately



Removing Marks:

For dirty or greasy marks:

1. First wipe with a dry cloth
2. Then wipe with a cloth lightly dampened with water and high-quality furniture polish
3. For persistent marks, use mild, non-abrasive proprietary cleaners appropriate for the finish
4. Test cleaners on a hidden or less conspicuous section first

Application Considerations

- Veneered products are unsuitable for high-wear or wet areas (e.g., kitchen countertops) unless fully sealed with a 100% waterproof resin system
- Avoid using veneers above hot steam sources, such as dishwashers or cooktops, unless appropriately treated
- In heated or air-conditioned environments, maintain reasonable temperature limits to prevent damage from expansion or contraction
- Use heat-resistant place mats under hot food and beverages
- Sharp edges should be eliminated by design or sanding during manufacture to prevent thin coating in those areas

Light Exposure and Color Changes

- Veneer surfaces, like all coloured materials, will change colour over time with exposure to natural or artificial light
- Direct sunlight should be avoided on internal veneered surfaces to prevent fading, bleaching, or colour changes
- Excessive sunlight exposure may dry the veneer surface faster than the substrate, causing small surface checks parallel to the grain
- The degree of color change depends on:
 - **Species type:** Some species (e.g. natural American Cherry) darken upon exposure to air.
 - **Coating type:** The finish applied can impact light sensitivity.
 - **Light intensity and duration:** Prolonged exposure accelerates changes.
 - Some stains, particularly dye stains, may fade if subjected to long-term ultraviolet light
 - Conventional coatings may yellow with age, affecting the original colour
 - Low-yellowing finishes can be specified to minimise this effect

Important Notes

- These are **general guidelines** and not specific care instructions for finished veneer panels
- The coating and application method significantly affect care requirements, and these factors are beyond Bord Products' control



- For specific care guidance, consult the coating supplier or manufacturer of the final veneer panel finish
- Different finishing systems, especially from different manufacturers, should not be mixed
- The manufacturer's recommendations regarding sealing thickness and number of top coats should be followed

By following these recommendations, you can help maintain the quality and appearance of your veneer products. For further inquiries, please contact Bord Products.



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