

# BrassArt

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## TAKING CARE OF YOUR BRASS

Thank you for choosing a BrassArt product. To preserve the longevity and maintain the original finish and appearance of your brassware, please take a moment to carefully read the following care instructions.

Unless otherwise specified, all products are finished with either a gloss or matt stove lacquer. This clear, protective coating minimises the need for frequent polishing and cleaning while offering significantly greater durability than standard air-drying lacquers. Electro-plated finishes, however, do not require lacquer, as the electroplating process itself provides a highly durable and protective coating.

### CARE OF LACQUERED BRASS

Regular cleaning with warm, soapy water will help maintain the appearance of your brassware. For added protection, a quality wax polish can be used, although it is not recommended for high-traffic areas. These practices will effectively remove surface impurities such as salts, oils, and residues, helping to extend the life of the coating. Always ensure any excess liquid is thoroughly wiped away after cleaning to prevent watermarks.

The lifespan of lacquer can be influenced by various environmental and atmospheric factors, including air quality, human contact, sea salt, and industrial pollution. Prolonged exposure to these elements may cause the lacquer finish to degrade, occasionally leading to premature deterioration.

If the lacquer begins to deteriorate, it can be removed using a high-quality paint stripper, following the manufacturer's instructions carefully. Once the lacquer is removed, the item can be cleaned and restored using a metal polish or similar cleaning products.

Chemical or abrasive cleaning products (solutions or materials) must never be used under any circumstances, as they will cause rapid deterioration of the lacquer and void any applicable warranty.

### CARE OF UN-LACQUERED BRASS

Un-lacquered brass is polished during production but, without a protective coating, it will naturally age over time, developing a darker and duller patina. To help maintain its finish, we recommend using a high-quality metal polish for regular cleaning. If desired, your products can be re-finished in the future to restore their original appearance.

### CARE OF ELECTRO-PLATED FINISHES

Electro-plated finishes are not coated with lacquer. Similar to un-lacquered brass, we recommend using a high-quality metal polish to maintain and prolong the finish.

### CARE OF WAXED FINISHES

Waxed door handles require gentle care to maintain their finish and prevent damage. Clean them regularly with a soft, dry cloth to remove dust and fingerprints. Avoid using water, harsh cleaners, or abrasive materials, as these can strip the wax and damage the surface. If the handle begins to look dull or worn, a light reapplication of bees-wax will restore its sheen and protect the finish. Always follow the manufacturer's care recommendations for best results.

### CARE OF PVD FINISHES

Although highly durable, PVD finished also need periodic cleaning to maintain their appearance. Use warm soapy water to clean the product using a micro-fibre cloth, not applying too much pressure. Dampen another cloth and wipe down the product to remove any soap residue. Finally, dry the product using a dry cloth to make sure no water marks are left. Avoid using any harsh chemicals, abrasives, metal polishes or creams, and never use nylon pads or wire wool.

### PRODUCTS SITUATED OUTDOORS

Products intended for outdoor use are exposed to elevated levels of air pollutants, human contact, sea salt, and industrial pollution. These conditions require more frequent cleaning to maintain their original appearance. Unless otherwise specified, we apply a more durable lacquer to these products to help extend their finish. However, regular cleaning as outlined above remains essential.

Scratches and marks created by jewellery and other metal items will affect with the overall strength of any lacquered finish. Damage of this type is not covered under warranty.