

# **FINISHING MAINTENANCE** **GUIDE – STAINED UNITS**



## **CONSIDERATIONS**

- ✓ Start the maintenance program after one year that units (doors, windows, shutters, trim and/or others) have been unpackaged, or sooner if units are exposed to a harsh environment like extreme sunlight exposure, proximity to sea shore, etc.
- ✓ If construction or remodeling works are still going to be done around the installed units, all surfaces on the units must be covered and/or protected to prevent physical damages on the top coat film.
- ✓ To extend the lifetime of the units, maintenance material must be correctly applied, at least twice a year, or more often depending on environmental conditions.
- ✓ Do not apply when air and surfaces temperature are below 15°C (59°F).
- ✓ Always perform an overall inspection of the unit, before applying maintenance material. Look for physical damage on the top coat film. If there is any sign of damage (e.g. rupture, breakthrough) on the wood, repair any damage on the units.
- ✓ To assure the protection of the wood, the top coat film integrity is very important.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Deep clean the whole surface. A soft neutral soap may be used to wash the area that is going to be worked on to eliminate dust, dirt and any chemical residues; a scentless, colorless/clear liquid soap is best, **DO NOT USE POWDER DETERGENT; DO NOT USE ABRASIVE FIBERS TO WASH THE SURFACES** if you do, you may scratch/pierce the top coat film. Rinse with abundant water and dry using paper towels or a soft cotton cloth. Be careful not to leave any fibers or particles behind.
2. Cover any glass, metal and any other surfaces using paper and masking tape to protect them during the maintenance process.
3. Mix/stir thoroughly the Clear Top Coat maintenance product before and during use.



4. Use a clean Fine Bristle Brush to apply the Clear Top Coat maintenance product. Apply maintenance product over the clean surfaces, making single long strokes following the wood grain. Try to leave an even coat with a smooth surface.
5. Let the maintenance product dry for at least 1 hour and evaluate the finishing look; if necessary, apply a second coat. Let it dry for at least 4 hours.
6. Make sure the maintenance product applied is dry before closing the windows/doors or let the treated surfaces get in contact with another hard surface.

### IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS

- ✓ Right after finishing the application of maintenance product, soak the used brush on clean water, and leave it submerged for several minutes. Wash the brush using regular soap/detergent; rinse thoroughly.
- ✓ Make sure that the treated surfaces will not get in contact with running water for at least 24 hours after the maintenance product application; this is the recommended period to let the product set. Because is a water base product, running water over the treated surface might affect the maintenance product.
- ✓ Do not apply under direct sun light or over hot/warm surfaces. This will make the product dry to fast, not giving the product film enough time to extend well over treated surfaces, leaving an uneven look and a weak protection over some areas.