

Maintenance and Care of Window and Door Components

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If you experience poor component operation which may be due to dirt or foreign matter infiltration, you may perform a cleaning and lubricating procedure. This procedure may also be done as preventative maintenance periodically.

Regarding sliding components:

Clean components with a mild dish, or hand soap and warm water. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry. Lubricate with a light oil such as WD40 or a 3 in one oil. Make sure that over lubrication is prevented or excess oil may stain surrounding areas.

Regarding geared or meshing components:

It is best advised not to clean geared or meshing components where inaccessible areas are concerned as relubrication is difficult. If a geared or meshing component does absolutely need cleaning, flush with soapy water using a mild dish or hand soap and flush again with clean water. Allow the components to thoroughly dry before lubricating. Lubricate with a lithium or automotive bearing grease and make sure to remove the excess or seepage may occur.

Avoid using silicone lubricants as they are not compatible with many plastic components.

Cautions:

When performing cleaning on wood products it is especially important to control the amount of lubrication as most lubricants can stain wood.

Avoid using the following cleaning solutions:

Vinegar related products

Abrasives of any kind

Heavy duty cleaners and industrial citrus based cleaners.

Acids and organic cleaners.

Keep in mind that many hardware components are painted or have a protective coating and are extremely sensitive to cleaners.