

Care of Your Bronze Elevator Components

The bronze in your elevator cab has been coated with an acrylic lacquer to retard the metal against oxidization. General cleaning and fingerprint removal can be accomplished with household cleaner / waxes such as *Pledge*, *Behold* or equivalent. Do not use any abrasives or products containing ammonia. Always wipe with the grain of the metal, NOT in a circular motion.

Periodic waxing with *Blue Coral* or comparable non-abrasive liquid automotive wax can prolong the lacquer finish. Application should be in short straight strokes following the bronze grain at all times. Do not use a circular motion. The wax should not be allowed to dry to a powder before removing.

Buff the surface completely with soft dry cloth to remove excess wax. This procedure should remove most smudges, fingerprints and minor scuffmarks. Follow the manufacturers instructions.

Metals such as bronze, brass and copper periodically require professional refinishing. The frequency of this is dependent on a variety of factors. Every three to five years (give or take a year) is typical. Areas receiving heavy usage (such as handrails and areas near push-buttons) will show signs of wear well before other areas with little usage.

- For major refinishing, such as scratch removal and re-lacquering, it is recommended that you contact a specialist in architectural metal maintenance. Firms experienced in this type of work are found in your local yellow pages under 'metal cleaning' or 'building restoration'. Metal maintenance firms are usually located in large metropolitan areas and travel widely to service accounts.

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