

## **Advice Notes for Pre-Installation**

Ensure that all new-builds or newly plastered rooms have been left to environmentally stabilise prior to the installation of new kitchen doors. Kitchen doors must not be installed into a damp or moisture-rich environment, as it will cause undesirable movement in the joints and panels of the door. A hygrometer can be used to assess conditions.

To help to minimise any potential damage to the kitchen whilst you are installing it, please read and adhere to the following instructions and recommendations:

- The fascias should be stored flat and away from the working area. Take extreme care when stacking the fascias with hinges attached, to ensure the hinges do not mark other fascias.
- Do not lean the fascias against one another or against any surface without proper protection in-between.
- Take extreme care when unpacking the fascias and do not use sharp blades to cut away the packaging.
- When attaching hinges and handles, place the fascia face down on a soft clean surface, ensuring that there is no grit, sawdust or other matter underneath than can damage the surface of the fascia. It is good practice to place a sheet of clean cardboard between the fascia and the flat surface prior to attaching the hinges.
- Once the hinges have been attached to a door, hang the door on the unit straight away to avoid damage. Do not stack the doors with the hinges touching other doors, as this can cause scratches or marks to the other fascias.
- Do not stack the doors on their ends on any hard surface; this can cause chipping and scratching along the edge of the fascia, especially on the handle edge of ranges with an integral handle. Prior to fitting, the fascias should be stored flat, ensuring that they are not resting on any dirt or debris that may damage or mark the finish.
- You should take extreme care not to put the door down with excessive force on any edge, especially the handle edge, as this will cause crushing/impact damage on these edges.
- Take extreme care not to put the door down on any hard or rough surface such as bare concrete floors, or on any debris such as sawdust, grit or screws, as this can damage the product.
- When the fascias are attached to the carcass, you should carefully remove the fascias by unclipping the hinges, and storing these flat in a clean safe environment away from your working area, utilising the packing materials from the units.
- Where cutting/scribing décor panels and trim, you must use a sharp quality saw blade of the appropriate grade for fine-cutting, or a suitable router. Small chips can appear along

the cut-edge, and so extra care must be taken to minimise the risk of chipping. Using a blunt or inappropriate saw blade will produce a poor finish, and this will not be covered by the guarantee.

- On painted products any fine chips along the cut edge should be smoothed with a fine grade sand paper prior to fitting.
- All cut edges should be sealed against moisture ingress using a suitable water resistant sealant/adhesive prior to installation.
- All trims are supplied in long lengths and need to be cut down on site, and again it is important that this is done using the appropriate tools.
- When fitting the plinth, ensure that you check the dimensions of any adjacent appliances. On occasion, the plinth may need to be pulled forward to ensure that it clears the front of the appliance. This can be achieved by fitting blocks using off-cuts to the rear of the plinth prior to attaching the plinth clips, to step the plinth forward from its normal position.