



QUINTESSENTIALE

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## CARE & CLEANING

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### INSTALLATION, CARE & MAINTENANCE

When installing all outdoor lights it is recommended to lightly grease all threaded parts and screws / nuts to ensure that fittings can easily be disassembled for cleaning or lamp replacement.

When handling certain fittings / finishes such as polished copper they can easily finger mark, so it is recommended that bare hands on these surfaces is kept to a minimum.

Please retain receipt and installation instructions for future reference.

### FINISHES

Many of the finishes used on our ranges are hand applied (patinated) and some small variations and irregularities in the finish are to be expected. This is part of the process of manufacture and, far from being a problem, it is an important part of the nature of hand made and hand finished items.

### FINISH MAINTENANCE

Many of our fittings are supplied in a natural finish, i.e. Polished Copper un-lacquered and Teak wood. These fittings can naturally age over time or to maintain their original appearance, treatment is needed, such as oil for teak, beeswax for brass and light oil for Copper and Stainless Steel.

When handling finishes during maintenance, small marks may show which can be easily polished away if required. The alternative is to allow the material to age and weather naturally, which does no harm to the fitting.

Additionally, when installing cast aluminium fittings, a light coating of beeswax or oil can give the finish extended life, especially when in coastal areas.

See following page for care instructions regarding specific materials.



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Steel - powder coating	Clean the product with a soft cloth dampened with warm soapy water removing any surface deposits and wipe dry.
Steel - hot dip galvanization	It is recommended that the unit is cleaned immediately after installation and regularly thereafter. Repeat the cleaning/maintenance process at least every 3 months or more frequently if possible.
Aluminium - powder coating	Marine locations and areas with high levels of industrial pollution – these locations are considered EXTREME ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS, therefore cleaning/maintenance must be conducted, at a minimum, of at least once a month.  Lubricate screws with grease before assembly. Repeat annually.
Copper & wood elements	Please be aware that some finishes will mature and age over time once exposed to the sun and the weather elements.  Copper may acquire a natural patina and timber will weather and mature, this is expected, and part of the character and appeal of a product.  Apply a thin coat of contact cleaner/protector/light oil with a soft cloth ensuring full coverage. Use a good quality wood oil to protect timber components.
Stainless steel - INOX	Stainless Steel, whilst very resistant to corrosion, requires regular maintenance and cleaning to preserve the high quality appearance. The steel surfaces should be cleaned with mineral oil and wiped dry.

