

Once installed and adjusted according to the *TruStile Wood Entry System General Installation Instructions*, the primary care that your engineered wood entry system will require is topcoat or paint coat maintenance, especially on the exterior-facing side of the unit.

Reserve Wood Entry System™

Maintaining the topcoat on your stained wood entry system is essential for long-term performance and continued warranty coverage. When properly maintained, this will help prevent damage to the underlying wood components and avoid more costly stripping and re-finishing of your entry system.

- Inspect entry system at least once a year for any signs of topcoat degradation or fading. Entry systems with significant exposure may require more frequent inspection and maintenance.
- Apply a compatible topcoat refresh or re-conditioner product as needed to maintain topcoat protection.
- If topcoat is regularly reconditioned and maintained, sanding and stripping the finish off the entry system will not be necessary during its lifetime.
- If topcoat is not maintained and degrades to the point of causing the finish to break down, then a full sanding and re-finishing may become necessary. Some signs of finish break down are severe fading, chalking, flaking or cracking of the finish. If these conditions are visible, a careful sand down to the raw veneer surface will be necessary. Be sure not to sand through the veneer surface when sanding. Once sanding is completed, re-finish entry system according to the *Finishing Instructions for TruStile Wood Entry Systems*.

Resilient Wood Entry System™

For painted entry systems, it is important to re-paint the product before the original paint finish wears down. To maintain your warranty, inspect the finish of your painted entry system annually and re-paint to your desired specification after the first signs of any blistering, peeling, or cracking in the finish.