

## **Care & Maintenance Schedule**

### **Inspection and Maintenance**

Inspection and maintenance of all Furnware hardware products must be carried out at appropriate intervals, which is generally every 12 months. For products located in high traffic areas or harsh environmental conditions, inspection and maintenance should be conducted at 6 monthly intervals. In extreme conditions, an inspection every 3 months is recommended.

Our recommended inspection & maintenance procedures for our common product ranges are listed below. For other product ranges, please enquire. Please note that regular inspection & maintenance may not necessarily prevent deterioration over time.

Deterioration caused by improper installation or failure to follow fitting instructions, failure due to improper maintenance or maltreatment, general wear and tear, or environmental conditions is not covered by warranty. During installation, care should be taken to ensure that products are protected from exposure to building materials such as paint, thinners, mortar, stone dust etc.

### **Drawer Systems & Drawer Slides**

Manufacturers load ratings must not be exceeded. Slides should be kept free of dust and dirt – other trades should be made aware that this is highly important. Regular checks should be carried out to ensure fixing screws are tight, and an occasional light application of a silicone or teflon based spray will assist in lubrication.

### **Locks & Catches**

Movement of the door, door frame or cabinet caused by climatic conditions or wear on hinges may affect correct operation of locks & catches. This may result in the latch or bolt failing to easily engage the striker plate, requiring an adjustment to their location. Periodic lubricant of the sides and striking face of latch bolts is recommended.

### **Lock Barrels**

Occasional lubrication is recommended to ensure smooth operation. Barrels should be checked to ensure key insertion and turning action is smooth. A silicon or Teflon based spray lubricant may be sparingly applied periodically into the keyhole to keep the barrel in good working order.

### **Hinges**

Accurate fitting and adequate purpose is essential. All hinge pins should be in vertical alignment. Periodical checks for wear should be conducted, and all worn hinges replaced. Suitable machine oil may be used for lubrication. Fixing screws should be tightened periodically.

## **Door Closers & Buffers**

Inspections for oil leakage, tightness of fitting and correct operation should be carried out periodically. A light oil lubricant may be applied to exposed pivot points to ensure the door closes smoothly. Check that the lock & hinges are correctly fitted and operating correctly before adjusting the closer.

## **Sliding Door Hardware**

It is essential that all tracks & channels are straight and level, fittings are adequate for weight and usage. Doors must be installed plumb. All tracks should be periodically cleaned of debris to allow guides and rollers to travel unimpeded. A Teflon or lithium-based grease lubricant may be sparingly applied periodically to the bearings to keep the system in good working order.

## **Care of finishes**

Particular care should be taken to clean and maintain surface finishes, as many finishes may be damaged by incorrect cleaning.

Frequent dusting using a soft, dry cloth is recommended, as is very occasional wiping with a damp cloth. Products which should be avoided include chemical sprays, cellulose based thinners and silicone based sprays. Solvents, metal polishes or abrasives powders should not be used for cleaning. Use of any chemicals or cleaners is at the discretion of the end user, and no responsibility will be accepted by Furnware.

Natural ageing of some finishes is a feature of the product, and is not to be considered a defect.

**Anodized aluminum** – should be wiped periodically with a weak detergent solution. Wax polish may be used occasionally, if required.

**Bronze** – should be wiped periodically with warm soapy water. A sparing amount of wax or furniture polish may be used occasionally.

**Electro-plated** – should be wiped clean with soapy water and a soft cloth, and then dried thoroughly.

**Lacquered brass** – coating wax polish should be applied occasionally. If the lacquer becomes damaged and begins to break down, all traces of lacquer should be removed with an acetate lacquer remover. Lacquer may then be reapplied, or the product may be cleaned as unlacquered brass.

**Nickel & Chrome plated** – should be wiped periodically with a weak detergent solution. May be rubbed occasionally with paraffin or light oil on a soft cloth.

**Nylon** – maintain by wiping with a damp cloth.

**Stainless steel** – dust regularly, and occasionally wipe with warm soapy water and dry thoroughly with a soft, clean cloth. Acid or chloride based cleaning products must not be used.

**Unlacquered brass** – should be polished occasionally with a proprietary brass cleaner, or left to age naturally.