

Maintaining your new bi-fold doors

Bi-folds don't require too much maintenance. However, as with any household hardware in daily use, it is useful to carry out periodic checks and general cleaning tasks in order to ensure your bi-fold doors remain at their optimum.



Cleaning

Tracks

Make sure that the tracks remain clear at all times and that they stay free of dust, dirt and grime. This dirt can disrupt the smooth operating of the door. Use a long paintbrush or a vacuum cleaner with a thin nozzle to clean the track.

Glass

The glass in many double-glazed units is liable to scratching so take care when cleaning. Use a non-solvent based household glass cleaner, or warm, soapy water to remove external dirt, smudges or fingerprints. Take care to ensure that the cleaner doesn't touch any other surface, including the frames.

Panels and door frames

Panels and door frames should be cleaned every 3-6 months, again with warm, soapy water. If a particularly deep clean is needed, use a non-abrasive household cleaner that is suitable for plastics. Use a soft cloth. When cleaning also take extra care not to touch the silicone sealants with the cleaner.

General maintenance

Checking for glass scratches

Check the glass periodically for scratches. Most can be easily removed with jewellers rouge, widely available from glass suppliers, but if the scratch is particularly bad consider consulting a professional. If you do need to replace the glass panel, ensure that you hire a professional to replace it.

Lubricate hinges and rollers

Lubricating the hinges, roller bearings and the wheels themselves will keep them in working order. Rather than using a messy oil, use a silicon spray on the rollers and track to keep your bi-fold rolling.

Spray gaskets

Apply a silicone spray to the gaskets annually to ensure that they remain in good working condition. Regularly check for any damage around the gasket – if you can feel a draught around the gasket, it may need replacing. If so, get back in touch with your installer for a professional upgrade.

Check and clean hardware fittings regularly

Ensure that the hardware fittings are cleaned every 3-6 months in order to keep them in a good working condition. Regularly check the handles, locks and hinges for any damage or operating difficulties and if you notice anything out of order, consult your installer.

Regularly ventilate room to prevent condensation

Condensation is caused by moisture-rich, warm air meeting cold, non-absorbent surfaces. The difference in temperature results in water droplets forming on colder surfaces. One solution can be to make sure that the room is ventilated regularly, with doors and windows being periodically opened in order to allow a movement of air.

If you experience any issues with your bi-fold door, get in contact with your installer straight away.

Installer details: