

## Care and Maintenance of Architectural and Decorative Lighting

Architectural and Decorative light fittings manufactured by Nocturnal Lighting Ltd. are designed and prepared to the highest standards, to provide attractive and functional illumination in both internal and external environments. To ensure your purchase retains its unique finish, a little attention is required from time to time. The following guidance will assist to preserve the finish of your light fitting: —

### Unlacquered Light Fittings

#### Aged Brass

Aged brass (AB) decorative light fittings which are unlacquered, are treated with an oiled/waxed finish. This finish is designed to age naturally as brass will naturally tarnish, dulling over time and gradually becoming darker. To maintain this finish, apply any oil to a soft cloth and wipe over the metal components of the light fitting. Remove any excess oil to prevent tackiness to the touch. Avoid any harsh abrasives, acids, alcohol or vinegars.

#### Brushed Brass

Brushed brass (BR) light fittings which are specified to be finished unlacquered, are treated with a beeswax. The beeswax offers protection while handling, freight and installation. To prevent irregular staining, we recommend removal of dust, salt and pollution with mild detergent/soaps and maintain with wax or oil to bring back lustre and consistency.

#### Raw Brass

Raw Brass (RB) light fittings are supplied without any surface protective treatment and will naturally patina over time. Raw Brass light fittings, if desired can be cleaned by wiping over with a soft cloth. A mild detergent solution may be used to remove pollution such as bird droppings, etc.

#### Aluminium

Aluminium (AL) light fittings are unsuitable for installation in a salty environment.

Aluminium light fittings, can be cleaned by wiping over with a soft cloth. A mild detergent solution may be used to remove pollution such as bird droppings, etc.

### Handling of Oiled Finishes

Immediately after aging, the finish is soft and likely to be less robust. Overtime the oil settles and absorbs into the brass, as does the aging chemical - when the finish will then become more stable. Until this time, handle with care, package with soft, non-plastic packaging to prevent rubbing or scratching. After installation, wipe over the metal componentry of the light fitting with a lightly oiled soft cloth to remove fingerprints, taking care not spread oil on the lens or other non-metal components of the light fitting.

Do not place an unlacquered light fitting in plastic packaging as the finish may sweat, causing accelerated and inconsistent patina.

### Lacquer Finished Light Fittings

Note: Light fittings finished with a lacquer finish are intended for internal use only. External installation of a lacquer finished Nocturnal Lighting Ltd. light fitting, will void the warranty.

Lacquer finished decorative light fittings must be handled with care to prevent damage to the light fitting and the finish. Do not use solvents or alcohol on the light fitting during or after installation. After installation, wipe over the light fitting with a clean, soft cloth.

Lacquered light fittings should be cleaned regularly with a dry, soft cloth. If necessary, plain water or a mild detergent solution may be used to remove accumulated dirt or grime.

### To apply a lacquer finish

Apply a two pack clear automotive lacquer, preparing the surfaces to be lacquered in accordance with the lacquer manufacture's instructions. Do not use harsh abrasives, or chemicals on the lacquered finish, clean with a soft cloth and mild detergent.

### Installation Guidance

If possible, install light fittings after other trades have completed working in the areas where the light fittings are to be installed. Do not affix masking tape to the light fitting during installation.