

B&D; Wind-Rated Roll-A-Door Roller Garage Door

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Understanding Your B&D; Wind-Rated Roller Door Finish A B&D; **wind-rated roller door** is designed for harsh conditions (including high-wind and cyclone-prone regions) and uses **Wind-Locking** technology to help keep the curtain engaged in the guides during extreme weather. That extra strength is only useful if the door can still **move freely** in the guides—so cleaning isn't just about looks. It's also about keeping the **guides and Wind-Locking components** free of grit, salt, and buildup that can increase friction. ### Common finish types you may have B&D; wind-rated roller doors are commonly supplied in: - **COLORBOND® steel colours** (pre-finished steel) - **Timber Look / Timber Coat™ style finishes** (a decorative "timber look" finish applied at the factory) The finish you have matters because aggressive cleaning methods can dull the surface, mark the timber-look pattern, or drive debris into the guide system. --- ## Contents - [What "Wind-Rated" Changes About Cleaning](#what-wind-rated-changes-about-cleaning) - [Safe Cleaning Principles](#safe-cleaning-principles) - [Routine Washing Frequency](#routine-washing-frequency) - [Step-by-Step Cleaning Method](#step-by-step-cleaning-method) - [Finish-Specific Notes](#finish-specific-notes) - [Guide Tracks and Wind-Locking Component Care](#guide-tracks-and-wind-locking-component-care) - [Spot Cleaning: Bird Droppings, Sap, and Marks](#spot-cleaning-bird-droppings-sap-and-marks) - [After-Cleaning Functional Check](#after-cleaning-functional-check) - [Maintenance Schedule Snapshot](#maintenance-schedule-snapshot) - [Troubleshooting After Cleaning](#troubleshooting-after-cleaning) - [Frequently Asked Questions](#frequently-asked-questions) --- ## What Wind-Rated Changes About Cleaning Wind-rated roller doors include **additional hardware and engagement features** (Wind-Locking) that help keep the door in the track under wind load. In practice, that means: - **Door edges and guide interiors matter more** than on standard doors. - Cleaning that leaves **residue**, or maintenance that adds **oil/grease inside guides**, can trap dust and grit where the Wind-Locking engagement happens. - You should focus on **removing contaminants** (salt, dust, industrial fallout) and keeping sliding surfaces **clean and smooth**, rather than "making them slippery" with heavy lubricants. --- ## Safe Cleaning Principles ### What to use - **Clean water** and a **soft brush or soft cloth** - **Mild detergent in water** (only when needed for visible grime) - **Gentle technique**: let water + mild detergent do the work, not scrubbing force ### What to avoid - Abrasive pads, scouring sponges, steel wool on the curtain finish - Harsh cleaners (anything that etches, strips, or scratches finishes) - Spraying water into electrical components (see below) - Flooding the door edges/guide area with products that can leave buildup ### Important safety note if you have an automatic opener - **Do not wash the automatic opener** (motor unit, controls, remotes, wall button area). Keep water away from anything electrical. --- ## Routine Washing Frequency A practical baseline for maintaining the finish is: - **Wash down the door regularly** (about every 14 days) using clean water and a soft brush/cloth. - Wash **more frequently** if your door is exposed to: - Salt air / coastal conditions - Industrial pollutants - Heavy dust, grime, or frequent storms If you're in a wind-rated region, you're often also in a **high exposure** region (salt + wind-driven grit), so "more frequent" cleaning is common and worthwhile. --- ## Step-by-Step Cleaning Method ### 1) Choose the right conditions - Clean in **cooler parts of the day** (avoid hot sun on the door if possible). - Keep the door **closed** while washing the outside face to reduce runoff into the guides. ### 2) Pre-rinse (recommended) - Rinse the surface with **clean water** to remove loose dust and grit. - This reduces the chance you'll drag grit across the finish. ### 3) Wash - Use a **soft brush or cloth** with clean water. - If needed, add **mild detergent** to a bucket of water and wash gently. - Work in manageable sections from **top to bottom**. ### 4) Rinse thoroughly

- Rinse off any detergent so it doesn't dry as residue—especially around: - The **door edges** - The **bottom rail** - Areas where grime collects in slat lines/pressings ### 5) Optional dry/wipe - If you want a cleaner finish (fewer water marks), wipe with a **clean soft cloth**. --- ## Finish-Specific Notes ### COLORBOND® steel finishes - Treat it like a quality painted metal surface: - Soft brush/cloth - Clean water - Mild detergent only when needed - Don't "polish" with abrasive products—micro-scratches can dull the look over time. ### Timber Look / Timber Coat™ style finishes - Use the **same gentle wash method**, but be even more conservative: - Prefer soft cloths over brushes if the finish marks easily - Avoid heavy scrubbing - Keep detergents mild and rinse thoroughly to avoid residue lines. --- ## Guide Tracks and Wind-Locking Component Care Wind-rated doors depend heavily on **clean guide operation**. ### The key rule **Do not grease or oil the guide tracks**. For roller doors, guide tracks should be kept **clean and smooth**, not coated in oil that can collect grit. ### Cleaning the inside of guide tracks (periodic maintenance) Every few months (or more often in harsh environments): 1. Wipe the **internal sections** of the guide tracks with a cloth lightly dampened with **mineral turps** or **methylated spirits** (used sparingly). 2. For roller doors, **polish the tracks** to remove dirt and help the running strips glide smoothly. 3. Keep solvents **off the curtain finish** as much as possible—apply to the cloth, not directly to the door. ### Wind-Locking areas (door edges) - Keep the door edges and guide mouths free of: - Mud - Caked dust - Salt crystals - Cobweb build-up - After washing, a light wipe around the visible guide entry area is helpful—again, **no oil/grease** in the guides. ### Lock care (if your door has a key lock) - If the key lock becomes stiff: - Use a light spray lubricant **into the keyhole** (avoid greasing the lock mechanism). --- ## Spot Cleaning: Bird Droppings, Sap, and Marks - Remove bird droppings and tree sap **as soon as practical** using: - Soft cloth - Mild detergent in water - Rinse well afterward - Avoid scraping with hard tools. If a deposit is stubborn: - Soften first with water and gentle detergent - Wipe repeatedly rather than scrubbing harder --- ## After-Cleaning Functional Check After you finish (and everything is rinsed): 1. Operate the door through **one full open/close cycle** 2. Listen and feel for changes: - New scraping sounds - Stiff movement - Jerky travel 3. If you notice issues: - Re-check that detergent hasn't dried near the door edges/guides - Re-rinse those areas - If symptoms persist, arrange a service inspection (especially important on wind-rated doors) --- ## Maintenance Schedule Snapshot A simple, warranty-friendly rhythm many owners follow: - **Regular wash-down**: about every 14 days (more in coastal/industrial conditions) - **Operational check**: every 3–6 months - **Lubrication (only where appropriate)**: every 3–6 months - (Important: guide tracks are cleaned/polished—**not greased/oiled**) - **Professional service**: recommended annually (especially in harsh environments) --- ## Troubleshooting After Cleaning ### Door feels heavier or stiffer Most common causes: - Grit or residue in the guides - Debris caught at the guide entry What to do: - Rinse edges again, wipe guide entry area clean, avoid adding oil/grease to tracks ### New scraping noise Most common causes: - Fine sand/salt in the guides (common in windy/coastal areas) What to do: - Clean guide internals (wipe + polish), then test again ### Water marks or streaking on the curtain Most common causes: - Detergent residue or dirty rinse water What to do: - Re-wash with clean water and rinse thoroughly, then wipe dry with a soft cloth --- ## Frequently Asked Questions **Do wind-rated roller doors need different cleaning than standard roller doors?** The **finish cleaning method** is similar (water + soft brush/cloth + mild detergent if needed), but wind-rated doors benefit from extra attention to **guide cleanliness** because Wind-Locking performance depends on smooth, unobstructed movement. **Can I use a pressure washer?** It's safer to use a **garden hose and soft brush/cloth**. High-pressure water can drive grit into guides and force water where you don't want it. If you choose to use any high-pressure cleaning equipment, keep well back and avoid directing spray into door edges, guides, or any electrical components. **Should I lubricate the guide tracks to make the door quieter?** No—guide tracks for roller doors should be **cleaned and polished**, not greased or oiled. Oily tracks attract dust and grit, which can increase wear and friction. **What if I'm in a coastal area?** Increase washing frequency. Coastal wind can deposit salt and fine grit quickly, and wind-rated doors are often installed in exactly these environments. **What's the fastest way to keep the door looking good long-term?** Regular light cleaning beats occasional heavy scrubbing. Frequent rinse/wash with gentle tools preserves the finish and reduces build-up around the guides.

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