



ESCAR
UK BRONZE

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

THE CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF BRONZE STATUES

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Patination is the enhancement of bronze by the application of chemicals to produce different colour finishes. The closely guarded secret of acids and chemicals used in our workshops produces some of the finest and most spectacular finishes to be seen on bronze today.

HELPFUL TIPS

Indoors – bronze ages slowly and only needs an occasional dusting with a cloth or brush, with an application of wax polish periodically.

Outdoors - for water features and statues kept outside, more attention is required, depending on situation. Clean debris with a brush and soapy water; NEVER use strong chemicals, solvents or abrasives, as this will certainly affect the finish. Once clean, allow to air dry then apply a coat or two of wax polish with a boot brush. When using cleaning agents, always be aware of effects on plants and aquatic life.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Furniture wax produces good results. However, our preference is Kiwi shoe polish (dark brown for the darker patination – not tan as this can create a red hue - and clear for the green/blue colours). With outdoor features, any debris or ceramic deposits caught in the more complex areas of your sculpture can be teased out with a soft lead pencil. Apply wax generously, working into features and folds. When dry, buff thoroughly with a brush or cloth. Water features may benefit from a second application and more frequent attention, especially in hard-water conditions. Please note: the colour in this catalogue is only a guide as patination can differ according to the craftsman and his technique. We reserve the right to make changes to the detail and colour of our bronzes. In-house designs are copyright to Escar UK Ltd. Bespoke commissions can be undertaken from the design through to casting and patination.

MAINTENANCE

If left without any protection bronze, like most metals, will oxidize with time. It may darken, turn green or show streaks of yellow/white depending on the climatic environment. Although many people like the look of aged bronze, you may wish to keep your statue as near to its original look as possible. Occasionally, small deposits of white ceramic may 'bleed' out of the bronze, this is natural and will stop in time. These deposits are easily cleaned away following the tips below.
