

POLISHED BRASS INFO (UNLACQUERED)

It is important to remember that with Polished Brass being a natural substrate, a consistent clean finish will only be evident if maintained daily (we sell the metal polish for cleaning to keep the fittings highly polished / shiny, if that's the intended look). Brass, also known as 'living finishes' are one of the metals that takes particularly well, and rapidly, to developing their own unique patina. Slight variations of the tones of brass will be evident on the fittings, as parts are made up of different grades of brass. These are one-of-a-kind creations.....no 2 fittings are ever the same!

An installation tip is for the plumber to install using latex / soft fabric gloves. This will prevent the natural sweat and oils from one's hands to come into contact with the fittings, causing finger mark stains and uneven tones.

- Unlacquered brass tarnishes when exposed to air.
- Oils from your skin in addition to oxygen in the air accelerate tarnishing on your brass.
- The quality of the water also plays a huge role in the tarnishing of the brass.

A Reminder about care and cleaning of special finishes:

Victorian Bathrooms offers a select range of special finishes for specific tapware and accessories. It is important to be aware that special finishes are known as 'living finishes' that over time will develop a natural patina, changing as they react with the environment they are in. For many, this natural aging of the finish is the appeal and charm of choosing a special finish however, some would prefer for the finish to remain in its original state which requires regular maintenance and care.

Maintaining the special finish is not difficult but it does require regular effort, especially more so if you live along the coast.

Extra care must be taken for all special finishes during installation and daily use. Normally, a damp soft cloth is all it takes to shine up your fittings however if it is not sufficient, mix a solution of warm, soapy water with the cloth. Do not use anything stronger than a non-abrasive household cleaner (e.g. Sunlight Liquid). Never clean with abrasive solutions (e.g. Handy Andy) as these can actually damage your special finish.

After cleaning, be sure to dry the fittings as this will prevent water spots and any possible further damage. A tip to keeping your fittings in ideal condition is to keep a dry cloth nearby so that you can dry off the fittings after you have finished using them. Please be aware that with the majority of the special finishes offered by Victorian Bathrooms, the finishes are engineered locally by hand making them unique and individual to every order. With this being said, should you have other finishes to which you plan on matching the Victorian Bathrooms' special finishes, please consider that the metals may not be an exact match. Victorian Bathrooms holds stock of fittings in the chrome finish so should you request a special finish, please be aware that there is a lead time according to the fitting being ordered and additional charges for the finish.