VICTORIAN BATHROOMS

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Care & Maintenance
Raw Brushed Nickel Finish

Understanding the finish
Raw Brushed Nickel is a living, unlacquered finish, and will naturally develop a beautiful patina over time. It responds to use, water quality and its surrounding environment and is specified where the intention is to complete a rustic look, where the natural ageing of the finish is the appeal and charm.

Brushed Nickel is susceptible to oxidation and water marks and environmental exposure. Natural ageing may vary between individual components, and subtle differences in colour or tone may occur. Skin oils, moisture, oxygen and the quality of water often influence this process.

Brushed Nickel is a softer finish than Chrome or PVD and as such needs special maintenance.

1. **Care during installation**
   - Protect the fittings from building dust, cleaning chemicals, cement residue and contact with abrasive materials during installation.
   - Using a rag to hold the faucet during installation is recommended, or the use of soft-fabric gloves, to avoid 'hand prints' on the finish due to skin oils and perspiration.

2. **Regular cleaning and drying**
   - Whilst daily wiping of the tapware is recommended, we realize that this may be impractical for some. Regular drying with a damp microfiber cloth will prevent water spots and mineral build up and is essential in the care of brushed nickel.
   - Rinse off personal products such as liquid soap, toothpaste, shampoo and shower gel to avoid unnecessary marking of the brushed nickel finish.
   - Where Brushed Nickel is to be installed close to the sea, it is paramount to wipe the taps regularly with a damp microfiber cloth. Dry, salt crystals will eat through the finish and cause permanent pitting.
   - Where a home close to sea air is left unattended for any period of time, covering the taps with a cloth to avoid salt crystals from forming on top of the taps is recommended.
   - A small amount of wax polish on the cloth (Cobra Floor Wax or bees wax) when cleaning will assist in adding a protective layer to the tapware.
   - Never use acidic or abrasive cleaning agents, abrasive polishes or steel wool. Avoid bleach, descalers and strong bathroom cleaning sprays, especially those with an alcohol content.
   - If a soap is required, use nothing stronger than a mild dishwashing liquid (e.g. Sunlight Liquid), rinse off and dry the fittings with a soft, clean cloth.

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