

## Maintenance of Windows Sealed with Putty

Modern factory produced window with glazing bars is produced from selected raw materials of very high quality to achieve a long lifetime of the finished window. The starting point is a window of a high quality, but not maintenance free.

### Maintenance of the window

Throughout the year, the window is exposed to the effects of the weather. After some time, a layer of dirt and grime will have settled on the surface of the window frame and the putty fold.

This layer of dirt will retain moisture and thus become a breeding ground for fungi that may degrade the surface treatment.

We recommend that you at least annually, for example during springtime, make an inspection, where you wash off the dirt and mold from your window frames. For this you can use a normal soap solution. During this inspection small cracks in the putty fold are repaired as is the paint on possibly exposed areas.

When you comply with this maintenance procedure it prolongs the life of your windows, and the repairs is at this stage affordable for most to perform.

### Choice of materials

The same product should normally be used for repairs as the one originally used during production of window.

### Paint

The windows are normally delivered with a hard kind of paint. If you later want to use a water-based paint, then you have to use this in the future as well. This is because the water-based paints are softer and cannot be over painted by a hard type of paint.

### The fold of putty

Repairs is best done with the same putty product that the window was originally putty with.

### Repair of cracks

Cut up around the cracks to obtain a clean surface on which the fresh putty may be able to bond. The resulting gap is filled with putty, which is tooled easily, for example with the use of a finger moistened with water.

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