

STEEL AND FIBERGLASS DOORS

ENTRY DOOR MAINTENANCE GUIDE

Thank you for choosing an Optima entry door. A few simple care steps, done regularly, will protect the finish and keep your door working properly for years to come.

01 Clean the door slab

Clean every 3-6 months to help prevent dirt buildup, discolouration and surface damage. The slab is the door panel itself.

Gather your supplies: mild dish soap, warm water, a soft microfiber cloth or sponge, clean rinse water and a non-abrasive drying towel.

- Wash with the mild soap solution using the soft cloth or sponge.
- Rinse with clean water and dry with the non-abrasive towel.
- For woodgrain fiberglass doors, wipe in the direction of the grain.

02 Clean glass inserts

If the door has glass inserts, use a non-ammonia glass cleaner. Spray it onto a cloth before wiping the glass. Keep the cleaner off surrounding finished surfaces.

03 Clean the frame and sill

- Remove loose debris with a vacuum or soft brush.
- Wash with mild soap and warm water, then rinse and dry thoroughly.
- During winter, wipe away salt buildup regularly.

REMEMBER Road salt left on aluminum or steel components can accelerate corrosion.

04 Maintain the hardware

Maintain handles, locks and hinges annually. Lightly lubricate the latches and deadbolt with a silicone-based lubricant. Wipe hardware with a damp cloth and dry it immediately.

05 Avoid damaging products and tools

Do not use abrasive cleaners such as Comet or Ajax, steel wool, scouring pads, pressure washers, bleach, ammonia, acetone, paint thinners or solvents. Do not use ammonia-based glass cleaners on painted surfaces.

These products and tools can strip protective coatings, cause fading or discolouration, scratch the finish and lead to rust.

06 Complete seasonal checks

- Inspect weatherstripping twice per year and check caulking around the frame.
- Touch up scratches immediately with matching paint. On steel surfaces, this helps prevent rust.
- Keep drainage around the sill clear so water does not pool.

WHEN	MAINTENANCE TASK
Every 3-6 months	Clean the door slab.
Annually	Maintain handles, locks and hinges.
Twice per year	Inspect weatherstripping.
During winter	Remove salt buildup regularly.
As needed	Touch up scratches immediately and keep sill drainage clear.