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EXTERNAL ALUMINIUM 3 DOOR BIFOLD DOOR SET

Assembly Instructions Bespoke and Standard Sizes



About your patio door set

All products must be installed in accordance with accepted good trade practice (and in accordance with supplied instructions where applicable), and maintained in accordance with these procedures or else the warranty shall be void.

Important Information

All of our external aluminium bifold doors and frames, glazed units and hardware components are guaranteed for a full 10 years against the occurrence of manufacturing faults, and the powder coating is guaranteed for 15 years, all subject to correct installation, regular maintenance and care in use as detailed below and the previously issued Home Owner Manual.

We recommend that a competent trades person installs this product. A single person must NEVER carry out the installation, as some of the components are heavy.

Bifold door sets are often installed too early into the build project or left in a room where other works are being carried out, meaning they get covered in heavy dust, dirt and building debris. This will cause damage to the tracks and hardware when operated and also affect the surface area finish. It is recommended the door sets are installed as late as possible into the build. If installing into an area where regular works and trades will be present, please ensure the product is fully protected and kept free of heavy dust, dirt and debris.

All items must be checked for any missing components and / or damages, including temporarily removing any protective tape, and then reapplying before installation, and must be reported within 72 hours of delivery and before commencing installation.

We cannot accept any claims for damages, including scratches to the powder coated aluminium or glass. reported 72 hours following delivery, or once installation has commenced. Any claims for damages where heavy building dust, dirt or debris is present will not be accepted.

By installing the door set, you are accepting the product in the condition it has arrived to you in, and that is free from any damages, blemishes or defects that would have been apparent when inspecting the product.

We will not be held liable for any incidental expenses arising either directly or in directly of any product related issues (s).

Powder Coating Finish and Maintenance

All our standard aluminium bifold door sets are supplied fully powder coated in a satin finish providing a high quality and durable finish, unless otherwise stated.

Our standard range of colours are Anthracite grey RAL 7016, Jet black RAL 9005 and Gloss white. If you have selected an alternative custom colour option and require the colour and RAL code please contact us.

To maintain the external aluminium powder-coated finish, wash regularly with soapy water and then dry off with a soft lint-free cloth. As a minimum, the external surfaces must be washed at least every three months, and monthly if within five miles of the sea or in an industrial area. Our general recommendation would be to wash the external aluminium every time you clean your windows, which should normally be more regularly than the minimum requirement.

The powder coating is not guaranteed unless the doors are installed at least 800 metres away from the sea.

Installation

This door set is designed to be installed by competent trades persons with good knowledge and previous experience of installing bifold doors.

Our aluminium doors are supplied with all the essential items, most hardware factory fitted and everything pre-machined. This design allows for simple on-site assembly by experienced trades persons.

All glass will be supplied pre-fitted and toe and heeled, unless specified. For any unglazed door sets the loose glass will require installing buy a competent trades person experienced with installing glazing into doors and windows

About your patio door set (Cont)

The outer frame needs to be securely fixed into the opening perfectly plumb, square and level on all planes. The aluminium sliding doors are bottom hung, the weight of the doors is supported via the sliding hardware and threshold. Important: The threshold must be sufficiently packed to ensure there are no dips or rises along the full length of the bottom tracks. When fixing the frame head, ensure there is no bowing.

All our external bifold door sets have been pre-assembled in our factory. They are installed into a steel framed testing rig where they are fully operated, including checking the doors lock, and open and close smoothly.

Glazing Units

Loose glass should never be placed directly onto hard floors such as concrete, but should be placed on cardboard, sheeting or wooden batons, on edge rather than flat. The glass should be stored on its edge and at a 3 - 6 degree angle. Glass should not be stored horizontally or on top of each other and should not come into contact with anything harder than itself.

To reduce carbon emissions from the home and to keep heating and cooling bills down, the government has recommended that all manufacturers use a special Low E thermal glass within the sealed units to comply with Building Regulations Part L.

This glass is coated with a special substance to comply with the above and occasionally, and in certain light conditions, may produce transient visual effects, this can sometimes look like a transparent film or haze, and make the glass appear cloudy. This is very infrequent and only affects a minority of door sets. As a company, we do have to comply with the new regulations which are for the benefit of all, and this is not a detect.

Due to demands for better thermal efficiency, it is normal for condensation to form on the outside of the glazing units, to the exterior side of the property. This demonstrates that the glass is performing as it should by reducing the transfer of heat from the internal side of the property to the external side of the property, this is not a defect. For any condensation forming to the inside of the property, this is normally due to high levels of moisture in the air and / or insufficient ventilation in the room, the moisture is then forming on the cold surface. If condensation is forming inside the glazing unit (between the panes of glass) it is likely that the glazing seal has been compromised

Tempered glass means it has been toughened to be up to five times stronger than normal glass. It is unusual to break such strong glass, but sharp objects hitting the glass at certain points can cause breakage. Tempered glass is also known as safety glass. This means that if it breaks it will shatter into smaller fragments which are less likely to cause injury, unlike non-tempered glass which breaks into large, sharp fragments.

Laminated glass is also called safety glass and comprises of multiple layers of glass sandwiched together. Due to its high strength, this prevents the glass from breaking into large pieces. If the glass breaks, it will produce a 'spider web' effect similar to what is commonly seen in shattered car windscreens. Laminated glass will also increase the sound rating insulation.

Glass must be regularly maintained and cleaned to stop break down of the glass or seals. This can be done using a mild solution such as washing-up liquid diluted in water. Do not use abrasive cleaning solutions as this may cause scratching.

Visual distortions caused by reflections in toughened glazing units are a natural phenomenon and not a fault.

Laminated, toughened or coated glass is acceptable if bubbles or blisters, fine scratches no more than 2.5cm long and / or minute particles are neither obtrusive or bunched. The glass used in sealed units is processed glass, therefore certain blemishes are unavoidable. More blemishes may be visible in laminated glass due to its layered construction.

For carrying out glass inspections, stand at least 3 metres away from the glazing, view at a 90 degree angle and look directly through the sealed unit(s). The glass must be viewed in natural daylight but not with the sun directly on it. Any moisture must be removed from the surface of the glass before inspecting.

About your patio door set (Cont)

Hardware Components

The exterior hardware in your bifold door set can deteriorate from everyday use, and also because of the weather and local environment. That's why regular maintenance of your door hardware is even more important if you live in severe environments like coastal / marine areas and some industrial locations.

We require that the below minimum maintenance is carried out as often as necessary to prevent deterioration. As a guideline, we recommend that this maintenance is done every three months if you live in a marine environment, or every six months if you live in a more general location, otherwise your guarantee will not be valid.

Tracks and bearings

Important: Once your installation has been completed, and before fully operating your door set, please carefully remove any debris / swarf from the top and bottom tracks to ensure nothing comes into contact with any moving components.

After cleaning the tracks, using a microfibre cloth, apply a small amount of lubricant such as a silicone spray to the inner lip of each side of the track. Extra lubricant can be added around the bearings. Adding lubricant in this way reduces wear, improves smoothness and gives additional protection against corrosion of track and bearings.

Hinges, pivots and brackets

A light spray application of a suitable lubricant such as WD40, followed by a light wipe with a dry cloth to remove excess, is recommended to all hinges, pivots and brackets. Exposed surfaces should first be wiped with warm soapy water and a soft rag, and then rinsed clean before applying preventative.

Twin point locks

Spray application of a suitable lubricant such as WD40 silicone spray. A tube attached to the nozzle will help concentrate the spray where you want it to go. There are access holes or slots on all twin point locks, so that this can be done without removing the locks from the doors.

Frequency

The procedures mentioned above need to be carried out as often as is necessary to prevent deterioration in the installed environment, however we recommend the following minimum frequency of application;

General environment – 6 months

Close to marine environment - 3 months

Introduction to Assembly OUICK GUIDE

Your aluminium bifold door set is supplied with the frame unassembled and in 4 pieces ready for assembly on site.

The doors are all pre-glazed and the glazing is 'toe and healed' in the factory to balance the glazing in each door, then in the full set.

Every bifold door set is pre-assembled in our factory to ensure it is operating perfectly before we deliver it. We then dismantle the frame and remove some hardware, before carefully packing it for transportation to your home.

When you receive the bifold door set to install it, assemble the frame then install it into the brickwork opening.

Attach the hardware to the doors into the frame.

Because the bifold door set has already been assembled and operated in our factory, as long as the frame is installed securely into the brickwork opening, completely level and square in every plane, and the hardware is correctly attached, then the installed bifold door set should operate perfectly, without the need for further adjustment.

Full and detailed installation instructions are contained within this Instruction booklet

Contents

Please check the contents of the packages to ensure all parts are present before beginning assembly

Aluminium Parts

Doors

Door 1 (Door to frame jamb)	Quantity 1
Door 2 (Mid Door)	Quantity 1
Door 3 (Access Door)	Quantity 1

Order specific frame components *

- Threshold Drip Cill Head add-on
- Quantity 1 Quantity 1 Quantity 1

Frame Pack

Frame HeadQuantity 1Frame JambsQuantity 2 (1x Left and 1x Right)Integrated Threshold / CillQuantity 1

Integrated threshold / cill (standard open out door sets)



* Threshold (open in door sets and loose cill option)



* Drip cill (open in door sets and loose threshold option)



* Frame head add-on (optional extra)





Aluminium Bifold Doors

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PLEASE NOTE:These instructions have been written based on the purchase of our optional installation kit, which was available to purchase at the time of placing your original order. If you did not select our installation kit, please ensure you use equivalent types of good quality fixings that are suitable for installing doors and windows.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTE

To speed installation, we have pre-installed some components in production.

- The twin point lock and handles is installed into Door 1.
- The frame jamb / Door 1 hinges are installed onto the frame jamb.
- The hinges in between Doors 1 & 2 and the top guide and bottom roller are all installed on Door 2.
- The multi point door lock is installed into the Door 3.
- The lock keep is installed onto the locking frame jamb.
- The trickle vents will be located in Doors 1 & 3 when flush vents are ordered, or in the frame head add-on otherwise.

Preparing the site

Brickwork opening:

When preparing the site, please prepare the brickwork opening to be 10mm more in height and width than the outside assembled frame size.

It is essential that all 4 internal surfaces of the brickwork be levelled before installation. Please ensure that all dimensions are correct for installation before proceeding, as the set must be installed square and level into the opening.





Standard sized Aluminium door sets

outer frame dimensions are as follows; 2.1m - Door set = 2090mm wide x 2090mm high 2.4m - Door set = 2390mm wide x 2090mm high 2.7m - Door set = 2690mm wide x 2090mm high 3.0m - Door set = 2990mm wide x 2090mm high

The Brickwork opening sizes are:

2.1m - Door set = 2100mm wide x 2100mm high 2.4m - Door set = 2400mm wide x 2100mm high 2.7m - Door set = 2700mm wide x 2100mm high

3.0m - Door set = 3000mm wide x 2100mm high

Please note:

For open in door sets, the frame rebate will be to the outside and hinged on the inside.

For open out door sets, the frame rebates will be to the inside, and hinged on the outside.

Assembling the frame

Lay all 4 pcs of the frame on top of cardboard or similar protective covering to prevent damage to the aluminium.

Identify the frame head, left and right-hand jambs and bottom threshold.

For standard door sets the threshold and cill will be integrated (1 piece).

If you have ordered an open in door set or an extended drip cill, the cill will be supplied loose and requires fitting into the opening and the frame sitting on top.

Assembling the frame continued

Mechanical Corner Cleat Assembly - Frame Head, jambs and *loose threshold * (please refer to the next section for fitting of the integrated threshold / cill)

Insert the 2 corner chevrons into the grooves in the frame head (Fig 1).

Insert the mechanical corner cleats into the frame head (Fig 1).

Apply low modulus silicone sealant to the aluminium profiles to be joined together.

Carefully align the mitre joints, then using a 4mm Allen Key (G), carefully tighten the machine screws at the side and bottom.

Progressively tighten all 4 machine screws, bit by bit, to ensure a tight mitre joint, then clean off any excess silicone.

Fill in the remaining smaller holes with low modulus silicone or glue as shown below (Fig 2).

Repeat the process on the opposite corner of the frame and threshold.





Aluminium Bifold Doors

Assembling the frame continued (integrated threshold / cill)

Please skip this step if you have been supplied with a separate threshold and cill. Please follow the cleat assembly process used above for connecting the threshold and jambs.

Insert the foam sealing block supplied into the channel of the integrated cill (Fig 1).

Before locating the jambs onto the cill, mastic seal both ends of the jambs and the face of the thermal break.

Once the jambs are aligned onto the cill, silicone dip the machine screws provided and secure (Fig1).

Any excess silicone should be wiped off at this point.

Silicone seal both end caps onto the cill. Silicone dip the screws and fix the caps in place using a 1/4 x 25 pozi bit (Fig 3).

IMPORTANT-

Ensure no water can escape from the ends of the cill past the jambs. Any fixings breaching the drainage channel (Fig 2, pg 10) must be silicone dipped.



Fitting the optional drip cill

Please skip this step if you have been supplied with an integrated threshold / cill.

The easiest way to install the frame with a cill is to level the cill in the opening first, temporarily fixing this in place and then lift the assembled frame on top. If you have a separate drip cill, first place the cill into the bottom of the brickwork opening ensuring the bottom track section will not overhang the reveal once it is sat on top of the bottom cill.

Using a long spirit and or laser level, ensure the cill is sitting level in the opening, using packers if needed to level it. As this door is bottom rolling, it is vitally important the cill is fully supported from front to back. Packers can be kept in place using the silicone supplied.

Once the cill position is level and fully supported, use a 7mm HSS drill (C) to drill a hole at each end of the cill through the thermal break. Use a 6.5mm SDS masonry drill (B) to drill through these holes into the masonry. Finally fix the cill in place using Qty 2 direct frame fixings (A).

Important: The cill must be sat on a bed of silicone or motor and all fixings must be silicone dipped.



Fitting the optional frame head add-on

If your door set has an optional frame head add-on, this sits on top of the frame head. The add-on will be supplied loose when it arrives to you, and will require screwing to the frame head before installing into the opening.



As standard our flush trickle vents are fitted into the outer door sashes, however if you've ordered our non-flush fitting trickle vents these will be attached to the frame head add-on, and the ventilation holes pre-machined. Ensure the add-on is joined to the frame head so the canopies of the trickle vents are on the external side of the frame.



If your order does not have an optional frame head add-on, please skip this step.

Installing the assembled frame

The frame should be installed with the outer edge of the frame jambs up to a maximum of 5-10mm back from the face of the brickwork.

It is critical that the frame is fitted square and level.

Use the packers provided to level the frame. Start at the bottom rail and insert the first packer DIRECTLY UNDER THE FRAME JAMB starting at the side of the frame which looks to be the highest.

The diagonals must be the same +/- 2mm.



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IMPORTANT NOTE

The frame must be installed into the brickwork opening completely upright, square and level in every plane, before continuing with the installation. The door set uses a bottom rolling system so it is vitally important the cill is level and adequately supported by using packers.



Direct fix 150mm from all corners and every 500mm maximum centres, using hardened steel direct frame fixings (A).

Ensure all fixings are silicone dipped and countersunk to ensure running gear is not obstructed.

If the amount of packing is more than 4mm under the cill then reduce the maximum centres to 250mm.

Ensure you have a packer where the roller comes to rest in the closed position.

Fix directly through the cill, head and jambs into the brickwork. Holes will need to be drilled into the head cill and jambs for the fixings, using a HSS long 7mm drill (C).

For the lock keep jamb fixing, remove the lock keep and drill / fix accordingly.

Installing the assembled frame (cont)

The hardened steel frame fixings fix directly into the brickwork without the need for plugs. After drilling the holes in the aluminium frame using a 6.5mm SDS masonry drill (B) to drill holes into the brickwork. Then fix using hardened steel frame fixings with a T30 bit (D).



DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN THE FIXINGS OR DISTORT THE ALUMINIUM FRAME

Finally apply silicone to seal all around the perimeter of the frame - especially along the complete length of the bottom cill

Fitting Door 1 to the frame jamb

Locate Door 1, which fixes to the jamb of the frame. Look for the panel glass beads to determine the interior side, and panel drainage holes to determine the bottom of the door.

Ensure the integrated cill and door are protected by using the discarded foam packaging or cardboard, and that you have a suitable support block to rest the door on.

Door 1 fixes to the frame jamb which is at the opposite side of the frame to the lock keep jamb. The hinges are already fixed to the frame jamb which just need fixing to Door 1.



IMPORTANT NOTE

The seal gasket is fitted under the door outside edge. Please take care to ensure when the door rests on the block, it rests on the ALUMINIUM PART ONLY AND NOT THE SEAL This will prevent damage to the seal.

With the door at right angles and supported on blocks (being careful not to damage the seal on the bottom of the door), use a 3mm Allen key (F) and M5x10mm machine screws to fix the door in the top and bottom countersunk hinge hole positions.

DO NOT FIT THE 4.2x25MM SELF-DRILLING SCREWS AT THIS POINT.



Fitting the middle door (Door 2)

Locate Door 2, paying attention to the panel glass beads and drainage holes. Door 2 has its hinges and rollers already attached.

Slightly lean the door to locate the bottom roller into the middle channel of the integrated cill (Fig.1)



Fitting the middle door (Door 2) (Cont)

Close the doors from the inside using the HINGE pull handle, then rotate the intermediate twin point lock handle 90 degrees to lock the doors closed.





handle to pull the doors towards you



Open position Closed position DO NOT USE THIS HANDLE TO PUSH/PULL THE DOOR

Fitting the access door (Door 3)

Fit the handles to Door 3 using the long threaded bolts provided. The handle with the screw holes should be fitted to the inside, and the handle without screw holes should be fitted to the outside.



With doors 1 & 2 locked in place, support Door 3 on blocks adjacent to Door 2. Align the clamping plates with the hinges and attach the hinge leafs onto Door 3.

Alternatively you can keep doors 1 & 2 open and at 90 degrees to the frame.

Close doors 1 & 2 (if opened) using the HINGE pull handle and from the inside rotate the intermediate twin point lock to secure them in place.

Close the Access door 3 and lift the handle to ensure the lock engages.

Turn the key to fully lock the access door.

To unlock the access door use the key to unlock, then depress the handle to open the door.



IF YOU ARE HAPPY WITH THE OPERATION OF THE DOORS AT THIS STAGE AND THEY CLOSE SMOOTHLY WITHOUT CATCHING ON THE FRAMES OR LOCK KEEPS, YOU CAN NOW FIT THE SELF-DRILLING SCREWS TO EACH HINGE LEAF. IF NOT, PLEASE SEE OUR TROUBLE SHOOTING GUIDE ON PAGE 16 TO ADJUST THE DOORS TO THEIR OPTIMUM POSITION.

Fitting the magnetic catches



Screw the extended magnetic catches onto the threaded inner's which are located on the outside of Door 2 and 3.

Extended magnetic catches

Operation of bifold doors

When closing the door set, first close doors 1 and 2 by pulling them towards you using the HINGE handle, then secure them with the twin point lock, by turning its handle 90 degrees. Next, close and lock Door 3 by lifting the handle to engage the multi point lock hooks and turning the key. Door 3 can be used independently as a daily access door.



Shows right opening set

To open the doors, first fully unlock the door using the key, and fully depress the handle on Door 3. Fully open Door 3 until the magnetic catch engages. Next, turn the inside twin point lock handle 90 degrees and slide and fold all 3 doors to open.

Please note, failure to operate the doors as outlined above could result in damage to the roller system and frame. You must never close the doors by dragging the lead / access door first. The twin point intermediate lock handle must never be used to push / pull the doors.

Check the operation and basic running of the doors to make sure the mechanisms are working properly by opening and close the doors as shown below.



If you are experiencing any locking or operational issues it is vital to check all levels of the outer frame, importantly that there is no dips or rises in the frame head and/or cill.

Assess the horizontal and vertical gaps between the outer frame and the top, bottom and sides of the door panels ensuring they are even and equal.

Door Gasket queries

There are some areas that customers may need to address following installation, particularly related to door gaskets. These include damaged, missing, or short gaskets. Here are some important points to consider:

1. Pre-Fitted Door Gaskets: The doors are pre-fitted with all the necessary sealing gaskets during the factory assembly process. These gaskets are worked back on themselves to accommodate any contraction due to temperature changes.

2. Movement During Handling or Transit: Due to their location, gaskets can move during handling or transit. The excess lengths worked back on themselves during assembly can also cause the gaskets to arrive misshapen due to the protective packaging.

3. Corner and End Gaskets: Corner and end gaskets can become dislodged during transit or handling.

Steps to Address Gasket Issues:

• **Refitting Moved or Misshapen Gaskets:** If gaskets have moved or become misshapen during transit or handling, remove and refit them, ensuring you push the gasket back on itself. Allow the gaskets to sit in their natural environment so they can reform to their intended shape.

• Locating Missing Gaskets: For any missing gaskets, please check the packaging they arrived in or in and around the area they have been handled, as it is most likely they will be located there.

Please note that we will not accept any claims for missing or damaged gaskets following installation. If you have any further questions or need assistance, please contact our aftercare team.



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Product Type:	Aluminium Bifold Double Glazed Door
Intended Use:	For use in domestic and commercial premises Not intended for use on escape route
Declared System of Assessment Performance:	3
Provisions to which the Product Conforms:	Annex ZA of EN 14351-1:2006+A2:2016
Reference to Supporting Product Certification and/or Test Reports (supportive of compliance):	BFRC Thermal Report – S158/20221018/001
Declared Performance: Essential Characteristics	Performance
Resistance to Wind Load:	Class A3 (1200Pa)
Watertightness:	Class 9A (600Pa)
Dangerous Substance:	No emissions of dangerous substances emitted
Load Bearing Capacity of Safety Device:	Npd
Acoustic Performance	Npd
Energy Rating:	С
Radiation Properties:	Npd
Air Permeability:	Class 4 (600Pa)

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