

Painting, Care & Cleaning

The fitting of the tub feet and installation of the tub will be seen as acceptance of quality.

We strongly recommend that you use a suitably qualified installer. Instructions must be adhered to. We cannot accept responsibility of incorrect installation.

Victoria & Albert customer service representatives are not qualified to give advice on DIY installations.

Should you wish to decorate or customize the outside of your tub follow the instructions below, alternatively proceed with attaching the feet to the tub.

Before fitting: Remove cardboard packaging and inspect the tub.

Please note: that shrinkage lines, air holes, casting marks and blemishes on the underside of the tub (where they cannot be seen when the tub is turned upright) do not adversely affect performance and should not be regarded as defects.

Exterior painting procedure

Having a smooth exterior surface, tubs and feet are easy to paint using either oil or water based paints.

- a. First rub down surface with a fine abrasive paper to form a surface to which the paint will adhere. Wipe down thoroughly to remove any dust before applying paint.
- b. Using a pencil, mark the outline of each foot on the tub. Important: Do not paint over this area as it could result in poor adhesion and possible failure.



- c. Following the paint manufacturer's instructions, apply the paint to the tub. We recommend two topcoats. Use a smaller roller or brush, applying paint in a random fashion so as not to create paint lines.



- d. If you wish to paint the feet follow the above procedure using a small brush or spray paint instead of a roller. Contrasting colors can look particularly attractive.

As before, do not paint the inside of the feet as it could result in poor adhesion and possible failure.

- e. To finish, depending on the type of paint used, apply a coat of water or oil-based matte varnish to add further protection. This is however, not essential.

Care and Maintenance

Repairing a scratch: If any scratches occur during installation these can be removed by rubbing with a 1500+ grit waterproof abrasive paper and water.

Re-polish the surface afterwards using a neutral automotive color restorer or household metal polish. Deeper scratches may require a more abrasive paper to be used initially. If this is the case work your way up to 1500 grit gradually and re-polish. For best results limit sanding to the smallest possible area around the scratch.

It may be possible to polish very fine scratches away without using abrasive papers: scrubbing gently with a soft brush or plastic pad (not metal scouring pad) and a mildly abrasive cream cleaner. Afterwards scrub the whole area with plenty of clean water and re-polish as before.

Everyday Cleaning

We recommend a non-abrasive bathroom or kitchen household cleaner. Abrasives will cause the disappearance of the glossy look over a long period. Should you need to clean the tub with an abrasive cleaner, as may be required from time to time, polishing with a car polish or household metal polish will restore the tub's luster.

Questions?

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