

# Care & Cleaning



To ensure your Albedor doors look as radiant in years to come as they do today, please follow these simple instructions.

**Note:** Failure to follow any of the instructions will void the warranty

Your Thermo Laminated doors are manufactured from the highest quality materials and designed to provide years of trouble free service.

Whilst your doors are made from a highly Moisture Resistant Medium Density Fibreboard (MRMDF) and as with any wood based panel cannot be made totally waterproof, care should be taken to wipe up spills immediately, ensuring the doors are not exposed to high or continuous levels of moisture, steam and humidity.

For light or stubborn stains Thermo Laminated doors should be cleaned as follows:

## Light Stains

Wipe down using a damp soft cloth containing warm soapy water. Dry using a soft cloth so as not to leave any water on the door(s).

## Stubborn Stains

For stubborn stains eg. ballpoint ink, a cotton bud soaked in methylated spirits can be used on the stain area and washed away immediately.

To ensure that your Warranty will not be void, **DO NOT** use any of the following on Thermo Laminated doors:

Abrasive Cleaners (eg. Ajax, Jif etc), Scouring Pads or Abrasive Papers, Solvents, Thinners, Turpentine (Turps), Ammonia, Bleach, Acetone, Mek and any other cleaning agents containing Organic Solvents or the above mentioned products.

As recommended by the Australian Thermo Laminating Association (ATLA).

**To ensure 100% customer satisfaction of Thermo Laminated doors please adhere to the following guidelines for Storage, Maintenance, Design and Installation.**

## Storage and Maintenance

- Care should be taken to avoid leaning large doors against the wall with other smaller doors leaning against it, this could cause additional bowing.
- When stacking doors they are to be stacked face to face.
- Care should be taken not to slide doors while hinging as this could scratch the face.
- The protective coating supplied on Full Gloss and Satin Foil wrapped doors should not be removed until installation is complete to reduce the chance of scratching or damaging.
- Avoid contact with sharp items and objects.

## Design

Areas where Thermo Laminated doors/panels will be used should be designed so that they are not exposed to steam, direct heat or prolonged humidity. When designing a kitchen, care should be taken so Thermo Laminated items are not positioned close to appliances that give off steam (eg. water jugs) and heat (eg. cupboard doors and panels close to a gas cooker).

## Installation

Flush Mounted and Under Bench Ovens with Front Panel Exhausts.

Many ovens on the market do not have a fitted "Baffle" surrounding the oven door, and excessive heat is convected to the surrounding cabinetry and doors/panels.

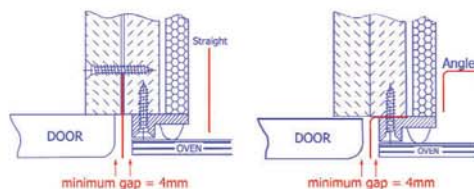
Thermo Laminated doors are manufactured to meet current ATLA and European Standards for heat resistance (UNI9242), which requires the door to withstand a temperature of 70°C for 4 hours.

Where ovens convect heat greater than 70°C, it can cause the foil to shrink back or peel away from the door or panel.

Heat deflector strips are available from door manufacturers to be installed for ovens of this nature (see diagrams below)

### Method 1

### Method 2



Failure to install heat deflectors in either above method where required will void the warranty.

## Cooktops and Rangehoods

Doors and end panels should not be installed in close proximity (less than 650mm) to a cooktop. When doors and panels are installed around a cook top in accordance with above, a 900mm DUCTED rangehood exhaust should be installed (recirculating rangehoods are not recommended).

Hot plates should not be used without the rangehood exhaust fan being switched on.

Retractable rangehoods must also be turned on and the panel pulled out to the full extension – otherwise they convect heat through the sides directly onto doors/panels.

Appliances such as electric fry pans and portable electric grills should only be used under an activated rangehood exhaust fan. Similarly toasters used in proximity can have the heat build up reduced by activating the exhaust fan.

A cool down period is recommended after long use to prevent any heat build up close panels/doors.

Failure to use the rangehood or follow any of the above guidelines will void the warranty on doors and panels.

## Use of Melamine Materials for Panels

Please note that when matching different materials such as Melamine Board with Thermo Laminated foils variations may occur in colour, finish and UV stability.

We recommend that where possible, Thermo Laminated Foils be used throughout an installation to achieve a perfect match.

## IMPORTANT NOTE:

To ensure your warranty will not be void, this Care Instructions sheet must be forwarded on to the end user.