

Care & Maintenance Instructions

Operating Shutters

Note that wide shutter panels may require to be assisted when closing them by lifting the panel up into the frame against the magnetic catches. This is not a product fault but a normal result due to the weight of the shutter. With any shutter regardless of substrate, it is important to make sure louvres are closed before stacking bifolds, and sliding bypass closed panels to avoid breakage. Never slam panels closed.

- ◆ Always use a two-handed motion to open louvres. This avoids the creation of a stress point at the tilt rod screw site that occurs by using just one hand in the centre of a louvre. Stress points can cause breakage over time.
- ◆ Close louvres by pushing the edge of a louvre closed and running your hand in an upward direction along each rotation. Due to the nature of clearview shutters having play in the tilt rod, it may be necessary to push close individual louvres after the sweeping motion to obtain maximum light block. Note that shutters are not a blackout product so there will always be light seepage through moveable parts.
- ◆ Rotate louvres daily. Panels are supplied with a tension screw for each rotation. This can be easily adjusted for louvres that may tighten over time or become loose.
- ◆ Always open panels to gain access to window locks and handles. Avoid accessing the window between louvres as you risk marking or damaging the paint finish with jewellery or watches.

Cleaning Shutters

Always use a soft sponge or cloth to clean your shutters and avoid the use of harsh, abrasive or caustic cleaning agents.

- ◆ Although wood shutters are a hardwood, they are not advisable for wet areas and any damage caused by exposure to water or moisture will not be covered under warranty, so avoid water when cleaning, however trouble spots may be treated with a slightly damp soapy cloth.
- ◆ Aluminium and polymer (PVC) shutters are water resistant, so cleaning with water and a mild nonabrasive detergent is the recommended method. Just be sure to dry them immediately after.

Gumption or a cleaning product like the Chux Magic Eraser are suitable for spot cleaning to remove light marks such as scuff marks made with jewellery whilst operating the panels and louvres. Even car polish or toothpaste on a soft cloth is effective for removing heavier marks.



Structural Warranty

Capitol Shutters products are sold with a Structural Warranty that covers defects in materials and workmanship, in accordance with the conditions listed below, starting from their date of shipping from Capitol Shutters facilities for the period of time indicated below. The warranty period varies based on the product category.

Shutter Product / Material	Warranty Period
Polymer (PVC) Waterborne Shutters	Lifetime
Wood Shutters / Handcrafted PVC	5 Years
Internal Aluminium Shutters	25 Years
External Aluminium Shutters	10 Years

The buyer or their installer/builder is responsible for inspecting, prior to installation, the colour, finish and size of the product, detecting if the product has any defect or manufacturing fault, and for ensuring the product meets surface appearance, aesthetic and product specification requirements. It is important to note that products that are visibly faulty or deemed visually or structurally inappropriate prior to installation should not be installed and are therefore also not covered by this or, to the extent allowed by law, any other warranty. Defects MUST be reported to Capitol Shutters during installation.

What is not covered?

- Products ordered outside of Capitol Shutters specification and product guidelines.
- Wear or damage that may be associated with improper application, improper installation or improper maintenance procedures.
- A customer's 'change of heart' nor any issues that may arise from the retailer or salesperson onselling the product incorrectly or in a configuration that does not suit the application or the end users requirements, nor in the event the retailer, installer or sales person fails to clearly explain the products specifications and operation to the end user.
- Normal industry colour tolerances between batches and variance to sample are to be expected and is not considered as a product defect.
- Normal wear and tear, damage or fading of colour due to exposure to extreme UV radiation, extreme weather, air pollution, harmful chemicals, geographical location of the product, or differential colour variation over time when compared to adjacent materials.
- Wear that may be associated with water or liquid damage from any source.
- Products transported or stored incorrectly until installed. Shutter cartons must be stored standing up (vertical), in a dry and dust free environment until fitted, not lying flat (horizontal).
- Products that have been tampered with in any manner whatsoever, where modifications have been made after purchase or due to faulty workmanship during the installation process will not be covered by warranty. Customers cannot fix or repair any products supplied by Capitol Shutters and then send Capitol an invoice or claim credit without our written authority.
- Products incorrectly measured and the measurement was not undertaken by Capitol Shutters.
- To damage beyond the control of Capitol Shutters including but not limited to fire, flood, storm and natural disasters or Acts of God.
- Labour charges associated with any rectification work. In some cases, and only when a product has been professionally installed by a licenced installer, reasonable labour costs may be considered, at the sole discretion of Capitol Shutters.

Capitol Shutters goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage.

You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure. To replace or repair the product is at the sole discretion of the supplier Capitol Shutters.

Acceptable Quality

Capitol Shutters products are warranted for performance as fit for the purpose for which they were designed and for their intended use. Warranty applies to products properly sold, installed and maintained in the designated opening as intended and according to Capitol Shutters specifications and Care & Maintenance Guidelines below.

Products are warranted to be free from defects within the following acceptable standard guidelines: If a defect is visible with the naked eye in natural daylight at a distance of 1.2 metres, it is not acceptable; if a defect is not visible with the naked eye in natural daylight at a distance of 1.2 metres, it is acceptable.

Major Failure

As wood shutters are a natural product, fine splits in the surface of timber can occur over time. This is known as surface checking and should be considered normal. Whilst checking occurs mostly on exterior wood, it can sometimes occur randomly on wood used indoors.

Surface checking has no negative affect on the structural integrity of the wood and is part of its natural character. The instance of colour variation between components or irregular nodes (knots) are also considered a natural part of wood shutters and are therefore excluded from this warranty.

Polymer (PVC) shutters are by nature, a flexible product so polymer panels will flex in operation. Larger panels may require to be assisted when closing them by lifting the panel up into the frame against the magnetic catches. This is not a product fault but a feature of the shutter.

These definitions are not intended to reduce or diminish the statutory rights of any purchaser.

Disclaimer

Recommendations in Capitol Shutters' literature are based on good building practice and are not an exhaustive statement of all relevant information. Information is subject to change.

Capitol Shutters reserves the right, without notice, to discontinue or alter any of its products, including the colour and finish, and Capitol Shutters shall not be liable in the event a replacement product or part may vary in colour or finish in comparison to the original Product.

The warranty is to the original purchaser, ex-factory and restricted to supply only. As the warranties for Capitol Shutters products deal only with the manufactured goods, warranties should be sought from the installation company or individual completing the installation.

How to Make a Warranty Claim



Faulty products will be repaired or replaced in accordance with the original order specifications. Changes cannot be made to material, colour, layout, measurement etc under warranty.

To evoke a claim under this warranty, communication with the retailer that the product was purchased from must be made. Proof of purchase will be required when contact with the retailer is made. The retailer will then submit a claim to Capitol Shutters after which a determination will be made regarding the warranty claim.

Where a retailer/installer fails to supply sufficient evidence with a claim, Capitol Shutters reserve the right to pass the full manufacturing costs of the repair or replacement to the retailer/installer and issue a credit to the retailer/installer upon return to Capitol Shutters of goods that are deemed faulty by a Capitol Shutters Representative.

If a Capitol Shutters Representative is requested to inspect onsite to take photographs and the claim is rejected by Capitol Shutters due to an installation error or similar, not caused by Capitol or our manufacturers, a call out fee will apply. Only if the retailer is no longer trading, direct contact with Capitol Shutters should be established by the consumer. Only an authorised representative of Capitol Shutters can authorise a warranty claim. In the event that a claim is authorised, a remedy will be issued in by Capitol Shutters.

Capitol Shutters photographically log every order on completion of manufacturing and record any damaged cartons/packaging prior to delivery or collection to the customer, so it is important the below process is followed for every warranty application to allow us to determine what went wrong and resolve issues to minimise rework rates and maintain a high level of quality control.

NOTE: For items with multiple panels, top and bottom shutter frames are shrink wrapped together and left and right side frames are shrink wrapped together. For one corner of an assembled shutter frame to break in transit, it indicates all four lengths of frame would have broken due to the way they are packaged. ALL shutter panels are packaged with protective blocks on every corner and wrapped in cellular air bags. A broken corner or D mould indicates the protective corner block and carton corner would be crushed. Likewise, for damage on frames, rails and stiles, the carton and inner cellular air bag and foam sheet would be pierced. It is important that photos show the complete packaged items (all frames or panels packaged together), UNOPENED, not just the damaged area.

How to Submit a Warranty Application

- 1) Take a photo showing any damaged packaging BEFORE opening
Once opened, if you find a damaged component DO NOT unwrap and install it
If you find a product has been made incorrectly (size or other) DO NOT install it
- 2) Take a photo of the label on the carton showing the item number.
- 3) Take a photo of the inner packaging (outlined above)
- 4) Take a photo of the damaged component whilst still in the packaging/carton
- 5) Take a photo of the item as a whole, as well as a close up view of the issue (With a tape measure for incorrect sizes, with your thumb or finger beside a blemish, mark or flaw for perspective etc)
- 6) Submit your warranty with attached photos to orders@capitolshutters.com.au
- 7) Enter the order number and sidemark reference in the email subject title and attach photos
- 8) Advise information such as panel number and/or frame side etc of the damaged component

Once approved, your warranty will be raised as a 'Rework' on the Buz platform with the original order number and a different suffix. Priority is given in our production schedule and ETA advice as soon as completion dates are determined and sea or ground transport arrangements made.