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## Care Guide

# Solid Brass Stair Nosings, Tactiles & Skate Deterrents

## Product Information

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Brass is a metal alloy containing both zinc and copper. Although exceptionally durable, if left untreated, brass will lose its bright and shiny finish as it oxidises over time. Depending on the location in which your brass item is placed, maintenance will be required to protect the aesthetic value of the metal and to prevent it from tarnishing.

All Classic Architectural Group's Solid Brass products are untreated, they are a natural product that will tarnish and oxidise as part of the natural aging process. It is important to understand that oxidisation is a natural process in which the metal reacts with the oxygen in the air and will not affect the durability of your brass in any way.

If you prefer the untreated brass to remain shiny, you will need to clean and polish it weekly, or whenever you deem necessary.

## Cleaning Instructions

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To maintain the lustre of the brass, we suggest that these surfaces are regularly and properly maintained. Brass, if left without regular maintenance oxidizes in the natural air, often forming a blotchy and undesirable looking surface, which is difficult to restore. Proper maintenance requires the use of a high quality non-abrasive, metal polish. Before you begin the polishing process, you must thoroughly clean the surface of the metal. To clean your brass item, use a soft cloth and a water/mild liquid soap solution. Apply the metal polish sparingly, rubbing it briskly on the surface to be cleaned using soft dry or wet cloth. Do not let it dry, clean off any excess, and buff using a clean cloth. Sticky or oily deposits can generally be removed with Methylated Spirits, and then wiped dry.

Avoid the use or application of any waxes, "off – the shelf " lacquers or harsh and abrasive cleaners.

## About this Cleaning & Maintenance Advice

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This information is offered as a general guide only and specific advice should always be sought from a reputable Architectural Metalworker before undertaking any cleaning or maintenance. This guidance does not preclude the use of other methods, materials or equipment, however the user should undertake careful evaluation and make enquiries of the suitability of alternative methods, materials or equipment, before using them.

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