

Care and Maintenance of Natural Rust Finish Products

**** Please be aware that some items may have sharp edges ****

Mild Steel. The rust finish is a natural finish that develops and changes over time. We have activated the rust process and your item will continue to develop rust in deeper shades. As the rust develops, it may leach a rust stain in wet weather. If rust staining is a concern, we recommend placing the item over a garden bed or planter box. This will capture any rust drips as well as mask stains that may appear.

Oil based products may be applied periodically to minimise rust stains. These include WD-40, Inox, Fish Oil or Penetrol. If you wish to apply Penetrol, always remove loose rust, scale, dirt and grease prior to application, and follow manufacturer's application instructions.

We do not recommend the application of lacquers or paints as they bubble, blister and flake off as the rust continues to grow underneath.

Corten/Lyten. Maintenance free weathering steel.

Please note: **Allow material to rust naturally.**

DO NOT use any rust activators (salts or acids) to speed up rusting.

DO NOT leave artwork on any surface or on the ground.

These actions can interrupt the rusting process, and interfere with the surface of the Corten steel.

This material does not normally require application of oils. However, oils can be applied if preferred to capture the desired effect during rusting.

Surface Mounting Instructions for Signs and Artwork

When mounting your Metalscape sign or artwork to any surface, we recommend the following:

1. Use solid brass or high quality stainless steel (minimum grade 304) screws or bolts and nuts for attachment.
2. Allow a space between the mounting surface and artwork to provide an air gap to prevent moisture build up and corrosion and staining between surfaces. The use of plastic or good quality rubber spacers is recommended between all surfaces to prevent possible corrosion.
3. If supplied with your sign or artwork, please fit plastic screw holders and caps to hide screws or bolt heads, for a professional finish.