

**Please Note:** For adequate protection from the elements, door manufacturers require doors be installed with a proper overhang. Without an adequate overhang, doors will require more frequent maintenance and may also experience performance problems. If your door was installed in a location without an adequate overhang, the below procedure can help minimize the effects to your door from direct exposure to the weather. A new exterior door unit is an investment for your home. Taking the time to perform this procedure is well worth it.

## MAINTAINING YOUR DOOR

If your door was installed without an overhang, it will face direct exposure to the elements. So if that is the case, maintain your door with extra silicone and finish protection.



## **ATTENTION DOOR INSTALLER**

Silicone: Apply a thin bead of silicone between the glass and the frame on the outside of the door in one smooth stroke. The same procedure should also be done to sidelite glass if installed. If there is excess silicone on the glass after applying, follow the manufacturer's directions for removing. For doors exposed to the elements, this will both prevent and also fix leaking door lites. Please note to apply silicone after construction clean-up, as some cleaning chemicals can eat through the seal.

**Finish:** As the door weathers from exposure to the elements, apply another top coat of high-quality, UV stabilized, clear exterior polyurethane (satin or low gloss) following the manufacturer's instructions.



For this application we recommend using:

DAP - Alex Plus: Clear All Purpose Acrylic Latex Caulk Plus Silicone 40 YR.



## **DAP Label Instructions:**

Apply in temperatures above 40°F. Do not apply when rain or freezing temps are forecast before full cure can occur.

Please note this silicone will go on white, but dry clear.