



**HomeGard Shutter**  
**User Guide**

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## Care & Maintenance

LAS HomeGard Shutters are designed to provide years of excellent service and protection, with the proper maintenance and care. Maintaining the quality and function of your LAS HomeGard Shutters is an important way to protect your investment.

As with any exterior surface or object exposed to the elements, it is necessary to provide the proper maintenance and care. LAS recommends cleaning HomeGard Shutters once every three (3) months to remove any soils, salt, or any other potentially corrosive material formed on the shutter surface.

**NOTE:** For installations in coastal areas or on/near waterfronts, we recommend cleaning regimen and care monthly to remove salt and other deposits that can quickly build up and lead to corrosion or stain the finish.

## Cleaning Instructions

Use water and a mild soap or detergent with a soft brush or sponge for light surface soils. Clean both sides of the shutter and wipe all slats. Once shutter is cleaned, rinse all surfaces thoroughly with water and dry with a soft cloth.

One of the most single causes of finish deterioration is failure to remove all built up of organic matter on the shutter, which will eventually lead to corrosion and excessive wear.

## Operating HomeGard Shutters

Open or closed, shutters should remain secure at all times.

### Board & Batten or Colonial

- a. Open Position: shutter should remain secure by the bullet attached to the exterior of property and clip attached to the shutter
- b. Closed Position: pull the shutter away from the wall to release bullet from the clip and close the shutter. Slide bolts into Daly Clips and align the holes on the lockdown bar to go over the bolts and fasten the wingnut.

### Bahama

- a. Open Position: the Bahama arms prop the shutter open at the customer's desired

angle. Simply tighten or loosen the thumb screws on the arms to move the Bahama's position or to secure the Bahama in a position.

- b. Closed Position: loosen the screws on the arms and completely close the Bahama. Unscrew bolts and slide pins on the bottom outward and retighten bolts to lock the position.
- c. Do not completely unscrew any bolts on the Bahama, simply loosen or tighten to allow for desired movement and position.

It is important to keep all of the hardware and pieces for your HomeGard Shutters, as you will need them to securely close shutters.

If Inside Locks were purchased with a Colonial or Board & Batten shutter, please note they are not for use during storms because they are not rated for impact.

## Do Not...

- Use a pressure washer; it will cause damage to the shutter and finish
  - Use soaps or cleaners with high pH levels or citrus-based cleaners or solvents
  - Use abrasive cleaners or cutting compounds
  - Mix cleaners, the result is unknown and can be dangerous
  - Use hard pads or brushes, razors, or scrapers; will cause film damage and will scratch the finish
  - Use any other hardware or accessories to operate shutter other than the approved LAS hardware and accessories
- WARNING:** Do NOT under any circumstances use strong solvents such as thinners or solutions containing chlorinated hydrocarbons, esters or ketones.

## Tips

- It is preferable for cleaning to be performed when surfaces are not hot from sun exposure.
- Shutters should be cleaned after significant weather events (i.e. hurricanes).
- Shutters that are exposed to a sprinkler system everyday will develop a calcium build up that cannot be washed off
- Every HomeGard Shutter is built to customer's specifications. Only use your HomeGard Shutters as LAS instructed upon installation of product.

- Read directions, warning labels, and any other information on cleaners before use.
- Always use gloves and eye protection when using cleaners
- Use proper safety for exterior products above ground levels
- Like owning a car, shutters need maintenance and cleaning also. Failure to tune up and wash a car leads to malfunction and paint deterioration. Longevity of life is based solely on owner's care.

## Service Repairs

Service Repairs that are not covered under Warranty should be submitted to the LAS Service Department for assistance. The LAS Service Department charges minimal fees on all Service Repairs extending past applicable Warranty periods. Please have information regarding the original purchase and specific information regarding the Service Repair available. Please allow reasonable time for assistance.

The original Warranty period will not be extended by any Service Repair, but any remaining time of the Warranty will continue in effect and applicable under the original terms and conditions.

Failure to contact LAS regarding a defect or Service Repair will make Warranty null and void. LAS is not liable for any incidental damage caused by a defect or failure of any warranted product, including all materials and labor associated. Any modifications and/or repairs made by unauthorized persons will make Warranty null and void.