

WOOD CHARACTERISTICS

Wood as nature intended. Every species of wood has characteristics unique to the tree from which it came. Natural graining, colour and texture variations define the beauty of natural wood products. At AyA we strive to obtain the most consistent grain and coloration available for each species yet due to uniqueness inherent in any wood product, AyA cannot be responsible for the natural variations that may characterize your cabinet selection.

Oak has been a popular choice in cabinet construction for a number of years due to the durability of its moisture resistant wood. Characterized by open graining, red oak has a natural range of color from light to dark and mineral deposits within the grain increases its natural beauty.

Maple is a hard, tightly grained wood that can have colour variations from a pale white to a reddish tone. The finish that is chosen for maple can enhance it's natural beauty, or subtly reduce the variations through the use of darker stains.

Cherry is widely renowned for its traditional majesty. A softer hardwood, cherry has a subtle grain, enhanced with pitting which lends itself to the warmth of historical settings. The appearance of cherry can vary dramatically with the stain color applied to it. Cherry is the ideal choice if a consistent dark coloration is required or in its natural state the reddish colour can be intensified.

Alder has a fairly straight uniformed grain with a natural colour which ranges from light to reddish brown and may even have peach hues. Common characteristics of open and split knots of varying size and shape as well as mineral stains create alder's rustic charm.

CARE & CLEANING GUIDE

ALL CABINET DOORS REQUIRE CLEANING ON A REGULAR BASIS

- Do not use ammonia or ammonia based cleaner
- Do not use harsh abrasives such as steel wool, scouring pads or detergents
- Cleaning agents should be applied to a cloth, not directly sprayed or applied to cabinetry
- Any cleaning agent used should be removed immediately followed by a light rinse with a water dampened cloth, and then dried with a lint free cloth.

WOOD DOORS

- Recommended cleaner is mild soap and water using a non-abrasive cloth
- Dry water off immediately using a lint free cloth
- More difficult stains can be removed by using neutral type cleaners or weak alkaloid type cleaners
- Do not use furniture polish or wax as the wax build up will mar the finish

THERMOFOIL OR LAMINATE DOORS

- Recommended cleaning is wiping with a water dampened cloth
- More difficult stains can be removed by using neutral type cleaners or weak alkaloid type cleaners.

GLASS INSERTS

- Ammonia based cleaners can damage the surrounding door, so it is recommended that a mild vinegar solution is used to clean glass or insert panels
- Any cleaner should be removed from the door immediately, followed by wiping with a water dampened cloth and dried with a lint free cloth.

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SELF CLEANING OVENS

- Self cleaning ovens generate immense heat, resulting in potential damage to any cabinetry
- AyA recommends removing all adjacent doors or drawers prior to using the self clean function; the drawer can be easily removed by either lifting up and out, or using the release mechanism at the bottom of the drawer box; the doors can be released by pushing forward on the small knob at the back of the hinge

COUNTERTOPS

- Use a clean, damp, non-abrasive cotton cloth and a mild liquid detergent or household cleaner
- Rinse with water, using a clean cloth
- Do not allow water to pool near mitred seams as water will cause the substrate to swell
- Dry the surface thoroughly with a clean cloth
- Avoid harsh chemical cleaners that may damage or discolour countertop surface
- Do not place hot pots and pans on countertop as prolonged temperatures over 135°C (275°F) may cause blistering or other damage to surface
- Always use cutting board to prevent scratching surface with a knife
- Avoid using steel wool or other abrasive pads that may damage surface
- Refrain from sliding heavy or abrasive objects across countertop
- Prevent dropping heavy or sharp object on surface as impact may result in chipping or cracking

WARRANTY

AyA Kitchens and Baths, Ltd. (AyA) warrants that AyA Cabinetry will be free from any defects in workmanship for a period of 1 year; cabinet doors, finishes and surface hardware (knobs & handles) for 2 years; and cabinets for 5 years. In addition, drawer glides and hinges on all cabinets are covered for the lifetime of the cabinets. Countertop material warranty, if installed by AyA, is also extended to homeowner through the manufacturer for one year. AyA's warranty is expressly limited to replacing or repairing defective parts at AyA's discretion and covers parts only (not labour). All dates are from date of possession.

This warranty is applicable only to cabinetry installed by AyA or one of its representatives and in climate controlled residential applications only (relative humidity 35-55% and temperatures range to 17-24°C). This warranty shall become void if the cabinets are damaged by misuse, abuse, negligence, alterations, acts of God, improper installation or handling and storage of our cabinetry by others. The warranty is for parts only and will not extend to labour or features and conditions found inherent in the wood species style or finish attributes. This warranty is only valid if cabinetry is installed by AyA or an authorized AyA dealer and only to the original purchaser of the cabinets at the original site of installation and is not transferable. This warranty is in lieu of any and all other warranties, expressed or implied by others and is only valid in Canada and in the United States of America.

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