## MAINTENANCE & CARE FOR YOUR VINYL WINDOW OR PATIO DOOR

### **KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER**

- Small scratches and nicks in the vinyl can occur. These small imperfections can be buffed out with a fine buffing compound suitable for vinyl surfaces.
- 2. Water can enter into the sill area of several different styles of windows. These windows are designed to capture this water before it enters your home and drain it to the outside. The presence of water in the sill of the window does not indicate a problem unless it has overflowed the window sill and into your interior sill or wall. If this has happened, check to make sure there is no debris in the window sill preventing water to drain through the drainage holes.
- 3. Condensation is often a result of high humidity in the home. If you have found condensation on your window or patio door, you must take steps to reduce the humidity level in your home by either adding a dehumidifier or using a kitchen exhaust fan to remove water vapors from cooking.

#### **CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

Maintenance of your window or patio door is important to keep it operating at its full potential. Here are some important steps to take throughout the year to keep your windows and doors looking beautiful.

- 1. Keep sill track clean of dirt and debris so water can flow freely to outside.
- 2. Keep all weep holes free of obstructions so water can flow freely to outside.
- 3. Inspect exterior caulking regularly and replace when necessary.
- 4. Clean and check operation of hardware and weather-stripping regularly and repair if necessary.
- Keep weatherstrip clean of dirt and grit for proper seal. Wash with mild soap and water, rinse with water and wipe dry. Apply a light coat of wax (Lemon Pledge®) and wipe off excess.
- 6. Determine the source of any moisture that you see around your windows or doors and stop its entry and accumulation.
- 7. Immediately dry out any areas around your windows or doors that you observe are wet (immediate action is necessary to mitigate any damage to your home). The use of a dehumidifier, fan, or any warm air source will help dry out affected area.
- 8. Maintain relative humidity at moderate levels.

# Vinyl Finish:

- To clean, wash with mild soap and water. Heavy dirt and stains may require stronger cleaning compounds such as a vinyl siding cleaner. The surface can be wiped down with solvents such as turpentine, naphtha, nail polish remover (acetone) and alcohol. CAUTION: as some cleaners may mar or scratch vinyl.
- 2. Abrasive cleaners will scratch the surface and are not recommended.

## Hardware:

- Much like sterling silver even the finest brass will react naturally to the elements surrounding it.
   To maintain, polish with a nonabrasive automotive or furniture wax. By keeping your hardware cleaned and maintained you will be rewarded with a long-lasting finish.
- 2. Tighten screws when necessary.
- 3. Lightly oil as needed. Wipe off excess.

CAUTION: DO NOT USE paint thinners, lacquer thinner, gasoline, kerosene or any other harsh chemical to clean surfaces or hardware.



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## ECOLITE™ VINYL WINDOWS & PATIO DOORS

IMPORTANT REMINDER
Register Your Product Warranty at
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Or Transfer an Existing Warranty

ProVia LLC, hereinafter "ProVia", warrants to the original consumer purchaser, that under normal use this product will be free from defects in material and workmanship for as long as the purchaser owns and lives in the single family residence, hereinafter "Home", in which the product was installed. The details of the warranty are as follows:

#### BASIC WINDOW OR PATIO DOOR - LIFETIME

The rigid vinyl in the window or patio door is warranted against chipping, cracking, peeling, pitting, or blistering, for as long as you own and live in the Home in which the product was originally installed.

#### INTERIOR PAINT/STAIN FINISH - 10 YEAR

ProVia further warrants the factory-applied paint or stain finish on the interior wood components against flaking, checking, blistering or peeling and defects in material and workmanship for a period of ten (10) years from date of installation. Damage to the paint or stain finish caused by condensation and normal wear are not covered.

#### HARDWARE - LIFETIME

ProVia further warrants the moving parts, such as balances on double-hung windows and locking mechanisms in all units, for as long as the original purchaser owns and lives in the Home in which the product was originally installed, if those parts are not free from defects in material and workmanship under conditions of normal use and wear.

#### **PATIO DOOR HANDLES - 1 YEAR**

Patio door handles with a painted finish are warranted against flaking, checking, blistering or peeling for a period of (1) year from date of installation.

### INSULATED GLASS UTILIZING INTERCEPT® SPACER - 20 YEAR

ProVia further warrants the insulated glass units utilizing Intercept spacer in its vinyl windows or patio doors against defects resulting in material obstruction of vision as the result of film formation between the interior glass surfaces caused by failure of the air-tight seal, for a period of twenty (20) years from date of installation. Small spots, marks, lint, and scratches not exceeding applicable glass manufacturing specifications imposed by Federal Specification 1036-90 will not constitute defects under this warranty.

### **SCREENS - LIFETIME**

Further, ProVia will replace under conditions of normal use, for as long as the original purchaser owns and lives in the Home in which the product was originally installed, the fiberglass, aluminum or SeeVue stainless steel screening if it is not free from rotting, staining, or rusting.

### NON-RESIDENTIAL

Where the structure in which the product is installed is not a single family residence occupied by the purchaser, or is owned by a public or private corporation for profit or non-profit, an unincorporated association or other business entity of any type recognized by law, a church, a school, a governmental or public authority, the time periods stated in this warranty shall be limited as follows: Basic Window or Patio Door Unit – 5 Year (non-transferable); Hardware - 1 Year; Insulated Glass – 10 Year (glass breakage not included); Screens – 5 Year; and Finishes – 1 Year.

## **WARRANTY CONDITIONS**

No warranty herein covers glass breakage, natural weathering or fading of surfaces, torn screening, non-factory applied finishes (e.g. customer applied tints, films or paint finishes), damages resulting from customer applied tints, films or paint finishes, damages resulting from improper installation, abuse, negligence, abnormal or unreasonable use (including failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance), damage resulting from fire or lightning, windstorms, earthquakes, wind-borne objects, strain applied to the unit by movement of the building, inadequate provision for expansion or contraction of framing members, installation in ships or vehicles, installation outside the Continental United States, seal failure, if the seal has been subject to immersion in water, acts of God, or other causes beyond the control of ProVia except as expressly warranted, whether similar or dissimilar to the foregoing.

Condensation on units may occur as the natural result of humidity within the house or building area. This natural result may come from changes in interior or exterior temperatures and does not indicate a defect in the unit. This warranty

does not cover condensation, nor frost or freezing from condensation on the unit.

On some installations, caulking is used to seal the frames or trim packages against water or air penetration. Caulking is not considered a part of the window or door, and therefore, is not covered under this Warranty. Caulking is normally considered a maintenance responsibility of the purchaser.

The procedure for obtaining performance of the obligations of this warranty is as follows: if you believe your unit to be defective, contact the contractor for inspection. If the contractor determines the unit or parts thereof to be defective, the manufacturer at its exclusive option will repair, provide a new product or part of a product after having determined that it does not conform to the limited warranties contained herein. The manufacturer reserves the right to discontinue or make changes in any of its products. If the products covered by this warranty are not available, the manufacturer shall have the right to substitute a product that is of equal quality or value. The manufacturer will ship the replacement product or part to the nearest authorized dealer and the purchaser must pay for any and all labor necessary to install such product or part and for the transportation from the nearest authorized dealer to his/her residence.

Any claim must be accompanied by a copy of the Warranty certificate and a copy of the contract evidencing purchase of the ProVia products.

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This Lifetime Limited Warranty extends only to the windows and/or patio doors which were originally installed in your Home or other structure as recorded on the warranty registration and shall not be valid or enforceable if you cannot prove that the windows and/or patio doors were so installed. To establish a record of your purchase please register your warranty online at www.provia.com/warranty.

Important Note: Failure to fill out the online warranty registration form will not affect your rights under the warranty if you can show the date of purchase and the location the windows and/or patio doors were installed in a reasonable way. (Your receipt of purchase and the receipt from the contractor who made the installation in your Home showing the address is one such way. Please keep them in a safe place.)

This warranty gives purchaser specific legal rights and he or she may also have other rights which vary from state to state.