

**Maintenance** - once properly installed, the wall-mounted barre system needs little maintenance. However it is advisable to check after one month of use that your fixings are coping with the wear and tear they have received and are going to receive. They might need some tightening on the wall fixings and barre to bracket fixings. If this is extreme, you might need to reassess whether the fixings used are adequate. You should repeat this check at three monthly intervals.

**Cleaning** - is a straightforward matter and is subject to the amount of use the barre is receiving. Having said that, a regular weekly schedule is better than a major assault when dirt has accumulated to the point of being visible or the barre has become sticky. A light wipe with a low strength mild detergent and a soft damp cloth is recommended. It is undesirable to "wet" the barre

Also recommended is the addition of a few drops of disinfectant or Eucalyptus oil. This is particularly the case during winter when colds and sniffles can literally be handed on via the barre. You may consider at this time adding an anti bacterial wipe readily available from cleaning suppliers to your cleaning regime.

**Scratches** - the greatest source of damage to your barre will be rings. If you think you are getting an undue amount of scratching you may have to try and identify the culprit, and politely request they remove the offending jewellery or otherwise wear a glove. White cotton gloves are very cheap and will solve the problem simply and perhaps avoid a major struggle removing a stubborn ring.

**Recoating** - There is nothing to prevent you recoating your timber barre down the track. A light sanding with 150-180 grit papers or finer, will give the following coat of clear acrylic a good "tooth" or grip. There is generally no need to try to sand out the scratches, as they will substantially disappear with the fresh paint. *Cabot's Clear Floor*, and the furniture grade equivalent, is a good hardwearing product that is readily available. We do suggest that you do a small test piece before embarking on a wholesale renovation.

**Portable Barres** - whilst the above applies equally to portable barres, a little more maintenance is required due to the robust nature of their life. It is important to regularly tighten the locking screws as they will work loose over time. A monthly check is ideal and again it is better to do small amounts often than to discover a foot is falling off or the barre has become wobbly before trying to find where you put the tools.

A 3/16th Allen key is supplied with your barre and should it have gone walkabout is readily available from your local hardware. Should any of this need further explanation or you have a problem it does not appear to cover feel very welcome to call or email us for further advice.