## **LOCKLATCH - MAINTENANCE INFORMATION**

The LockLatch range is made from C304 stainless steel and if exposed to weather and/or a corrosive environment will require some maintenance from time to time.

## **General Maintenance**

Over time LockLatch, PetLatch and MiniLatch are susceptible to a build up of dust, salt and grime and as a result periodic cleaning is essential.

Frequency of cleaning depends primarily on the environment. Inland environments typically require cleaning every 6 months whereas coastal applications require a 3 month cycle. For applications right on the seafront monthly cleaning is recommended.

Here's some guidelines:

- Dirt and grease can usually be removed using soap, ammonia or mild detergent and warm water.
- Abrasive cleaners should be avoided as they will scratch stainless steel.
- A nylon bristled brush like a toothbrush can assist in removing any dirt or grime that accumulates in the corners, ridges and crevices.
- Harsh abrasives and mineral acids are sometimes used to clean masonry. If these come into contact with your LockLatch they should be rinsed off immediately with plenty of water.
- Steel wool or other abrasive pads should be avoided.
- If marking occurs and is a continuous problem an application of a light surface coating of baby oil, silicone wax polish or furniture polish can assist in preventing recurrence. This should be done after first cleaning the hardware.
- A light lubricating oil can be used in environments where the build up of binding agents is quite severe.