

Video Brief #6

Removing Plastic Film from Glass

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You will need :

- Utility knife or sharpened blade

The steps :

We cover each of our glass with plastic film to protect them during the application of finishing products such as paint, stain or varnish. This plastic protection reduces the risks of stains that can dirty glass; so do not remove it until you have completed the finishing of your door.

1. Using a utility knife or a sharpened blade, trace the perimeter of the glass as close to the wood moulding as possible (see figure 1). Incline the blade at a 45-degree angle, the tip turned toward the junction of the glass panel and moulding. This will prevent leaving a visible mark on the glass.

Avoid making an «X» or any other mark in the center of the glass to remove the plastic. Direct contact of the blade on the glass could result in scratching it. The film covering patterned glass will be more difficult to cut, due to the unevenness of the surface. A sharpened blade remains the best solution.

2. Lift one of the corners of the film with an unsharpened object, preferably made of plastic or any other material that will not damage the glass (Do not use the tip of the blade, since it could scratch the surface and leave an irreversible mark.).
3. Remove the plastic film.

There are two types of plastic protection: vacuum-pack or adhesive plastic. The vacuum-pack is easily removable once the perimeter is well cut. The adhesive plastic will require more handling. Carefully pull the film to unglue it from the glass.

Note that mirror cannot be plasticized on its back; the removal of the protection might damage the mirror effect of the glass.

4. Repeat steps 1 to 3 for the other side of the door.

FIGURE 1

