



## Information on Hardwood Timber – Oak in particular

Most hardwood/oak stairs supplied by E A Higginson & Co Ltd are uncoated, so the timber needs to be kept dry and free from any damp, where feasible; this particularly applies to staircases installed in any recently plastered/screeded rooms. When the colour of wet plastered walls change as they dry you are seeing the effects of water moisture leaving the wall and becoming absorbed by the room atmosphere. Leaving hardwood in these conditions may cause it to warp as it absorbs the excess moisture from the environment. One way to help slow down the rate of moisture absorption is to coat it with a sealer coat upon delivery or as soon as possible after installation. If exposed to a moisture laden atmosphere before treatment then the water may become absorbed by the wood, this may cause the timber to warp and split as it eventually dries out. Humidity levels should be checked regularly and heating should be increased gradually to allow the timber to reach its equilibrium moisture content.

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