

Living Finishes

Polished Brass, Uncoated (03N) and Weathered Copper (08W)

Living Finishes have **NO PROTECTIVE COATING** so they are very delicate and can easily be scratched or scuffed if not cared for properly. The unique characteristic of these finishes is that they wear and age over time. Essentially, the finish replicates what nature would do to the surface material naturally when exposed to the elements. These products will tend to darken on the areas that are infrequently touched and lighten or highlight on the areas that are contacted on a consistent basis. It is important to note that the aging process will vary depending on a number of factors including but not limited to:

- Newport Brass utilizes a variety of brass alloys during the manufacturing process. Each brass has different properties and absorption characteristics that can impact how a particular part ages over time.
- The manner in which brass is formed may also impact the appearance of the ultimate finished piece. For example, a forged component may have a different color profile than a machined component which in turn may look different than a bent tube.
- Environmental factors including ozone exposure, salt content in the atmosphere, and UV light may impact the aging process.

The net effect is that each component could have its own unique color properties from part-to-part within the same product. In effect, the aging process cannot be predicted or controlled and color variations should be expected. The **buyer** assumes the risk that a product may fail to meet their expectations as the product ages.

An example of color variations of the O3N finish is shown below. This picture depicts differences in the aging process within the same product due to the factors previously described. The photo is not a guarantee or predictor of how this same product would age if placed into a particular environment. Each product and environment is unique.



Soaps, acidic fluids, and astringent cleaners can damage the finish. Avoid using abrasive pads, sponges, or cloths to clean the product. Do not allow water spots to dry on the fixture. Brasstech initially applies a wax coating to the finish surface to help protect and prevent the finish from oxidizing prior to installation. Periodic cleaning can be done by using a micro-crystalline wax (Renaissance Wax is recommended). Apply the wax with a soft tissue or cloth and gently buff the wax with a soft clean cloth to remove surface spots and add a protective coating to the finish.