



A Brief Pictorial Guide to Weathered Finishes



Living finishes such as Weathered Copper and Weathered Brass change over time. If properly cared for, they will develop a rich natural patina. Please note that given the artisan and “living” nature of this finish, no two faucets will age exactly the same.

Example: Weathered Copper Finish Changing Over Time



Weathered Copper fresh from plating. While it darkens over time, it begins lighter with more copper highlights.



Weathered Copper at time of shipment from factory. Note how the finish has already begun to darken.



Weathered Copper six months after installation with proper care. (*subjected to water, cleaning, handling, etc.*)

The color can range from substantially lighter to substantially darker depending on a variety of factors.



Weathered Copper after 1 year display in showroom. Showroom samples sometimes turn out darker than products in actual use as they do not have the same exposure to water, cleaning, etc. So never expect the purchased product to appear like the showroom sample.

Given the nature of living finishes and their patina process, expect there to be some variations in the appearance that is the “magic” and artisan appeal of these decorative finishes.

Weathered Copper After 5 Years with Proper Care



Excellent example of **Weathered Copper** faucet after 5 years of usage with proper care. The only cleaning given this faucet was a quick treatment with Renaissance Wax every week or two. Notice the variation in color between the spout and the spout ball, the minor specks of green on the escutcheon base, and the natural striations of copper color within each piece—this is all normal and natural and part of the desired patina for this unique finish.

To help ensure the best results, this particular faucet was waxed and aged in the garage for 1 week prior to installation and then was waxed again immediately after installation.

Example: Improper Care



This faucet was part of an entire **Weathered Copper** bathroom that was returned to the factory as a “Defective Finish”. But there was nothing defective about the finish; this is simply an example of lack of proper care. Notice the heavy water spotting that caused the build-up of various minerals, scale and deposits. If you examine the parts carefully, you will notice that the underlying patina has developed nicely, but is marred by the spotting and staining created by lack of care. This problem is easily avoided by regular application of Renaissance Wax or other high quality, non-abrasive wax product.

Example: Defective Finish



The above showerheads are examples of **Weathered Copper** with true finish defects. Notice that the showerheads have not yet been installed, but have developed prominent staining and severe color variation.

Products for Proper Care

The only care recommended for weathered finishes is the regular application of a wax such as **Renaissance Wax** or a high quality wax carnauba wax. The use of wax creates a barrier that protects the surface from moisture, oxygen and contaminating elements from handling & use. This helps prevent the build up of water spots and promotes a more even, natural patina. Apply a small amount of wax and buff with a clean, soft, lint-free cloth.

No other cleaning products are necessary nor recommended. Wax weekly in place of all other normal cleaning. Use extreme caution when using other cleaning products such as tile cleaner, window cleaner, etc., in the vicinity of your weathered fitting. The aggressive chemicals in these cleaning products can accidentally splash or get washed onto your fitting which can damage the finish and void the warranty.



Renaissance Wax is widely available on-line or at your authorized California Faucets dealer.