

# 5 IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER IF YOU ARE LOOKING AT A PAINTED OR 'DUCO' KITCHEN



**1.** Does this finish fit with your lifestyle? A paint finish can be prone to chipping and scratching if it is treated roughly. So, if you have kids running round the kitchen, are a little messy or careless, don't do your own cleaning and maintenance, then consider if this is really the finish for you.

**2.** Do you, as the main user of the kitchen, have long acrylic nails and or wear lots of rings? If so, these can, over time, cause damage to the painted surface like scratch marks and ultimately chipping. This is particularly seen in handleless designs where a finger grip is built into the door itself.



**3.** You get paint finishes and you get paint finishes – ensure the company painting your kitchen components is a specialist, up to date with the latest paint technology and who is using quality, environmentally friendly paint. More cost-effective paint finish offerings often have visible orange peel effect, clumping and crazing and are using old technology paint with has been proven to be dangerous to the spray painter and the environment. When it comes to a painted finish, you definitely get what you pay for.

**4.** Please bear in mind that if a door gets damaged it is challenging to repaint it and get an exact colour match. Companies that specialise in making painted doors will have a colour spectrometer to help them analyse the colour and get the match as close as possible but if the company you are dealing with is not a specialist in this aesthetic, then it is unlikely you will get a good match.



**5.** If you opt for a multi panel door – like a shaker door – and the door manufacturing and painting is not done properly, you can get cracking of the paint happening along the joint lines of the door where these panels meet.

All this being said, a good painted or 'Duco' kitchen is one of the most stunning aesthetics you can get and if you are someone who appreciates high end finishes, will look after them, and who will ensure they are working with a specialist in this field, then this is definitely a finish you should consider.

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