



## **KITCHEN UNITS**

### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

Congratulations on choosing your Glory Days kitchen cabinet

We hope that you will enjoy using the cabinet for many years.

#### **Using the unit**

Your kitchen cabinet is - as far as possible – a refurbished original piece of furniture from the mid to late 20<sup>th</sup> century. Methods of construction vary from unit to unit, but please be gentle with it. Materials used, components, standard of finish and health & safety aspects, may differ from cabinetry purchased today.

#### **Placing the Unit.**

Your unit should be placed on firm base. Packing may be used as required on uneven surfaces to reduce movement.

Avoid damp locations, or where air does not move around to ventilate the unit. Wood will absorb damp and expand, and if this is allowed to happen may cause doors and drawers to swell and stick.

Be especially careful to ensure that when using the opening hinged flap, the weight does not make the unit unstable. Do not lean on the hinged flap and ensure that children are kept away to avoid pulling the unit over. It is recommended that for added stability, the unit is attached by way of suitable fixings to a wall, or to adjacent fitted furniture.

#### **Fire Precautions**

All Glory Days kitchen units are made of wood and other flammable materials.

Your unit must be placed well away from naked flames, candles, or other sources of fire or ignition.

## **Moving the unit.**

Remove all items from inside the unit to reduce weight and to stop items moving about, causing damage.

Make sure that any loose component parts inside the unit are also removed (ie drawers, glass shelves etc).

When moving the unit, make sure that all hinged doors are secured to prevent them falling open during moving.

Glass should – where possible – be removed before moving. If the design does not allow for easy removal of the glass, ensure that it is stopped from sliding by use of blu-tack, plasticine or similar, or by moving both pieces of glass to one side, and inserting a cushion into the opening on the other side.

Likewise, sliding doors should be moved to one side and appropriate packing used to ensure that they do not move during transit.

## **Hinged doors**

The weights able to be supported on the hinged doors will vary depending on the method of construction, solidity of the unit, and the component parts used. You must satisfy yourself as to the appropriate weights which are suitable for your particular unit.

Avoid any sudden jolts, dropping objects onto the open hinge, and always hold the door as it is released and lowered into position.

The hinged door(s) is not designed as a work surface, and avoid applying any pressure over and above temporary standing of light goods.

When closing the hinged door, ensure that it is firmly and securely closed.

## **Glass**

Wherever possible we have used the original glass supplied as original with the unit. Please note that this may not conform to current safety regulations, and care should be taken in its use.

Take care when moving objects near the unit to protect the glass.

The glass should be able to slide freely and quietly.

The method for removing glass will vary depending on the method of unit construction, but the more common methods are:

- lift glass up and out when it clears the lower guide. Note that some units may have a narrow strip of wood inserted into the upper guide to prevent excessive vertical movement, and that this may need to be moved.
- Lower Guide removal. The lower guide may need to be removed. Having slid both pieces of glass to one side, carefully prise the guide upwards using a flat-bladed instrument, to loosen the nail. The nail may then be fully removed by using long-nosed pliers. Slide the glass to the other end and repeat the process. Once the nail has been removed, pull the lower guide forwards slowly and carefully, and remove glass. Just be very careful as you do this, as the glass may suddenly drop.
- Upper Guide removal. Less common, but in this case the upper guide is able to be removed using a similar method as above.

It is worth noting that the guides may be plastic or - more solidly - wood.

## **Sliding doors**

The sliding doors are usually made of wood, ply, chipboard, or MFC.

The doors should be able to slide freely and quietly. If they stick, check to ensure that the guides are clear. If necessary, they may need to be removed and sandpaper used to allow a little more play.

The method for removing the doors will vary depending on the method of unit construction, but the more common methods are:

- lift door up and out when it clears the lower guide. Note that some units may have a narrow strip of wood inserted into the upper guide to prevent excessive vertical movement, and that this may need to be moved.
- Lower Guide removal. The lower guide may need to be removed. Having slid both doors to one side, carefully prise the guide upwards using a flat-bladed instrument, to loosen the nail. The nail may then be fully removed by using long-nosed pliers. Slide the doors to the other end and repeat the process. Once the nails have been removed, pull the lower guide forwards slowly and carefully, and remove door.
- Upper Guide removal. Less common, but in this case the upper guide is able to be removed using a similar method as above.

It is worth noting that the guides may be plastic or - more solidly - wood.

## **Drawers**

Drawers are usually fully removable by pulling out fully. For this reason, make sure that care is taken when opening to ensure that drawers are not inadvertently pulled out from the unit.

On some units, drawers have an integral stop. These can take the form of a hinged flap of wood or similar. On others, the runners are enclosed, and to fully remove the drawer may mean unscrewing component parts. For this reason, it is worth familiarising yourself as to how the drawers and their runners are constructed before use. This task is easier *before* filling the cupboard and drawers!

Take care not to over-fill drawers, as this may cause contents to fall out at the back, or otherwise foul the drawer-space.

If a drawer ever sticks, be gentle! Slight tapping on either side of the drawer front, or from underneath may release it. Avoid forcibly pulling, as this may break the handle. Pulling from the back of the drawer, inside the cabinet, may prove more effective. If the unit has become damp, the drawer may become free once it has dried.

### **Your unit in daily use**

Your unit has been refurbished as an attractive piece of furniture. Please be sure that the unit is suitable for your use, as the units vary with regards to storage area, durability, integral strength, and weights which may be carried on shelves etc.

Depending on its use, you may wish to note the following:

- 1) The internal flat surfaces and sides – where not already covered by Fablon (or similar) – will be finished in a satinwood paint. If you intend to use the cabinet for frequent or heavy use, we recommend that flat surfaces are covered with Fablon (or similar covering) or with a dry cloth. This will protect the surface from scratches and damage to the paint.
- 2) If storing food in the unit, make sure that the doors are kept closed, and that ventilation is provided through vents. These will help keep flies and other ‘nasties’ out.
- 3) Surfaces may be kept clean by using a damp cloth and small amount of detergent.

### **Periodic inspections:**

- Make sure that grooves for the glass doors and sliding doors are free from debris and other impediments to free movement
- If the drawers stick, try applying candle wax to where surfaces meet.
- Hinged doors: apply candle wax to the metal stays so that they move freely and quietly when opening and closing. Apply a drop of oil on to hinges and other moving metal parts.
- Check the cabinet for signs of damp, woodworm, or spillages, and take remedial action as required.

Further action and information.

We will be very pleased to assist you in maintaining your unit.

Should you require any of the following services:

- Glass replacement;
- Repainting to your chosen colour(s);
- Spare parts;
- Repairs.....

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Further information:

Cabinet interior paint:

Exterior carcass paint:

Exterior doors paint:

Date purchased: