

Information About the *Hardware*

Base Metal

Baldwin individually pours each piece of Archetypes' Villa, Craftsman and Chateau utilizing the finest quality silicon and white bronze material.

Silicon Bronze Composition = Copper, Zinc and Silicon (Gold Color)

White Bronze Composition = Copper, Nickel, Zinc and Manganese (Silver Color)

Manufacturing Process

Villa, Craftsman and Chateau Archetypes utilize Bronze Sand and Lost Wax Cast processes to create their intricate designs and fine detailing. These old world processes assist in producing a variety of character lines, grains and textures reminiscent of the times that inspired each collection. Every cast component is unique and representative of the handcraftsmanship desired by Archetypes customers.

Patina — “Living Finish”

The bronze utilized to create Archetype's Villa, Craftsman and Chateau will naturally oxidize over time. Skilled artisans create and hand patina each piece to achieve a rich bronze color that is then lightly coated with wax. The natural oxide utilized to create the Patina finish product is meant to age with time and is referred to as a “living finish”. Various factors, including time, touch, climate, and exposure to elements, will affect this ongoing aging process, thus changing the color, sheen, and texture of the bronze.

Silicon Bronze can be finished in Dark Bronze, Medium Bronze, Light Bronze, Aged Bronze or Natural Silicon Bronze

White Bronze can be finished in Pewter Bronze or Natural White Bronze

Product Care

Bronze is a robust, quality material that inevitably will change through time. If necessary, utilize a soft cloth and mild soap water to clean this product. A high quality clear floor wax may also be applied to any patina to reinvigorate and protect the finish. Aggressive cleaners and detergents should not be utilized to clean our patina finishes.

