

LEADLIGHT PANEL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

The following instructions relate to fitting a leadlight panel to a wooden window frame. Other techniques are required if fitting a panel into an aluminium frame.

1. Wear safety glasses and gloves to protect yourself in the event of glass breakage. If you are not confident working with glass, get a registered glazier to fit your leadlight panel.
2. Check the size of the leadlight panel by holding it against the window.
3. Remove any wooden beading/putty from around the glass in the existing window by gentle prising it from the window frame with a wood chisel or stiff metal spatula.
4. Remove any brads or glazing tacks holding the glass in the window rebate using nail pincers/pliers – in doing so, take care not to put pressure on the glass.
5. Remove the glass from the window. In some cases, this can be difficult to achieve without breaking the glass – much depends on how the glass has been seated in the window rebate.
 - a. If the glass has been seated on putty and the putty is now hardened, try gently tapping the glass with a soft rubber mallet, taking care to support the glass from behind to reduce the chance of breakage.
 - b. If the glass has been seated on silastic sealant, free the glass from the sealant by running a trimming knife between the glass and the sealant. Apply gentle pressure against the glass, supporting it from behind to reduce the chance of breakage.
 - c. If, despite using the above techniques, you are unable to free the glass, it will be necessary to cut the glass into several pieces while it is in the frame and remove the pieces one by one. It is recommended that this be undertaken by a glazier.
6. After removal of the glass, remove all seating material from the rebate.
7. Once again, check the fit of the leadlight panel by inserting it in the window rebate. If the panel is slightly oversize, stand the panel on its edge and use a wood plane to remove some of the perimeter lead. If the panel is sloppy in the

- rebate, cut wooden spacers from 3mm material and insert them into the outside channel of the perimeter lead to raise the panel to the desired height.
8. If the window is in a location subject to vibration (eg adjacent to a door) fit some adhesive-backed rubber weather seal into the rebate to provide cushioning.
 9. Press the panel into the rebate, making sure that the rough side of the glass is on the inside, away from the weather, so that it gathers less grime and requires less cleaning.
 10. Insert brads or glazing tacks using a hammer and nail punch to drive the brads in, thus avoiding accidental contact by the hammer with the glass in the panel.
 11. Re-fit beading and fix with brads, once again using a hammer and nail punch or apply window putty with a putty knife – if necessary, use some linseed oil on the putty knife to get a smooth finish to the putty.