

Preparation & Painting of the Fingers



Type of Wood - approx. 1" thick, dried and quality hardwood for longevity; such as English or European oak.

Dimensions - naturally depend on the length or letter size & destination - Using 2½" characters the widths we use are:

Single destination 6-8"	Two destinations 8"
Three destinations 11"	Four destinations 13"

Stage 1 - Before surface cutting & preparation, lay out all characters, as required, to ensure best presentation of the destination together with any mileage numerals – allowing for the bracket position.

Stage 2 - After shaping the wood it may need to be planed & imperfections filled with 2-pack filler and sanded smooth with medium grit papers. All surfaces should then be wiped clean with methylated spirits to remove surface tannins.

Apply TWO coats of primer sealer such as Zinnser 123 or similar. Topcoats should be 'breathable' coatings such as Sadolin Superdeck or similar: Two 'flowing' coats are best.

Stage 3 - After and drilling the bracket positions, prime the exposed wood.

Stage 4- Then predrill all the character screw positions, lightly sand and apply a final top coat.