

## **Holt** - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

## What is the Holt range?

The Holt range from Allgood is a new selection of door and bathroom accessories crafted in the UK from sustainable oak.

## Who designed the Holt range?

The Holt range has been designed by London-based architect Alex Mowat. Trained at the Royal College of Art and Canterbury College of Art, Alex has led the successful architecture design practice, Urban Salon, since 1996.

## Where did the idea for Holt originate from?

Alex Mowat, the designer of the range, was inspired by the Nordic tradition of using timber for many everyday items. Not only did the timber provide a beautiful aesthetic, but the inherent warmth of the material meant that the items were comfortable to hold and welcomed the touch of the user. This was of particular interest to Alex, as he had observed the growing need of his corporate clients to provide new ways of bringing warmth and personality to commercial interiors.

## How was the range developed?

Alex Mowat approached Allgood with his initial ideas for using timber for ironmongery product in late 2013. Allgood acknowledged that there was a growing need for products in new materials and instructed Alex to develop items made from oak in collaboration with Allgood, to provide the market with the first full range of co-ordinated items made from oak.

## What is the design concept behind the range?

In addition to the need for warmth, the Holt range needed to be ergonomic and comfortable to hold. Alex Mowat set about creating ironmongery items utilising the 'super circular' shape first used by Jacobsen and Hein. The form of the shape lends itself to the ideal, ergonomic hand grip and is continued throughout the range providing a consistent visual identity.

## Why was the range named 'Holt'?

The word 'Holt' is an old English word for 'wood' which is perfectly aligned for the range given that the products are made in England from wood in the traditional approach to high quality workmanship.

## Where is the Holt range manufactured?

The Holt range is manufactured in our own factory in Birmingham, utilising wood components again sourced from the UK.



HO3801 L shape lever handle



HO8835 unisex self adhesive signage



HO18002 grab rail



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## Which materials are used in the manufacture of the Holt range?

The primary material that is used in the manufacture of the Holt range is European oak. The oak is sourced from Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified suppliers, ensuring that they meet the highest environmental and social standards. Where it is not possible to manufacture components from oak, for instance with the rose of the lever handle, grade 316 stainless steel material is used and supplied with the standard Satin finish.

#### How is the oak material been finished?

The oak used throughout the Holt range is finished with a lacquer suitable for interior applications. The lacquer has been selected with a 5% sheen to provide an appearance that looks more natural and warm, whilst providing the traditional protection of lacquer. The only exception being the oak used in the Numeral products, which are supplied finished with a lacquer suitable for exterior applications.

## How consistent is the appearance of the Holt oak?

All of the Holt products are manufactured to the highest of quality standards. The direction of the grain of the oak is uniform on every product but please note that as oak is a natural material, there will be variance in the appearance of the grain between different products.

## How will the Holt oak material perform in external environments?

The standard product range (excluding the Numeral products) is supplied with a lacquer suitable for interior applications and is not suitable for external environments. However, if you require any of the Holt products to be supplied for exterior applications, please contact Allgood and the products can be supplied finished with a lacquer suitable for external environments.

## Are the Holt products suitable for moist and wet environments?

The Holt product range is suitable for applications in moist environments such as bathrooms, and is finished with a lacquer that is water-resistant. However, if the product will be exposed to continuous water contact, such as underneath a shower, Allgood advise that the products are supplied finished with a lacquer suitable for exterior applications. Please contact Allgood if you have this requirement.

## What is the warranty on the Holt range?

All products in the Holt range are covered by a 5 year mechanical and finish warranty, subject to the product being installed correctly as per the instructions provided and the adherence to the operation and maintenance regime of the products.



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HO6531 pull handle



HO18000 drop down grab rail



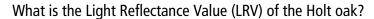
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## What is the advised approach to cleaning the Holt products?

Wipe clean with a solution of washing-up liquid using a soft cloth or sponge. Rinse and dry with a dry soft cloth. Do not use solvent based or abrasive cleaning materials.

## Is the Holt range available in any different types of wood?

At present, the standard range of Holt products are available manufactured from European oak with metallic components in Satin Stainless Steel. If you have a requirement for different types of wood or different finishes of the metallic components, please contact Allqood to discuss further.



The oak material used in the Holt range has a LRV value of 31 LRV points.

## Are there any plans to develop the Holt range further?

Allgood are continually assessing the needs of the market with a view of developing the Holt range further. Already we have had requests to provide the Holt products in different timbers, particularly Walnut which Allgood are already investigating. Furthermore, additions to the product portfolio are being developed such as door stops, so if any of your clients require a Holt product that is not part of the existing range, please contact Alan Field, Product & Marketing Director at Allgood.



HO771Q2538 thumbturn



HO6531 pull handle