

TOSCA & WILLOUGHBY





Every coat of
varnish is hand
applied by brush

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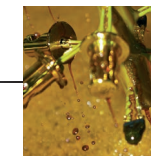
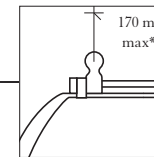
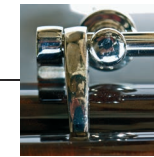
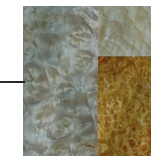
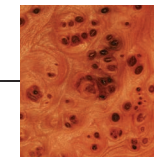
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A small plantation of mixed native hardwoods planted at Home Farm in 1990

TOSCA & WILLOUGHBY is a small family run business which is probably the longest established specialised creator of wooden loo seats in the world, at over 35 years. Through our dedication to service and quality we have achieved an unrivalled reputation amongst top international architects and designers. In recent years we have been proud to supply seats to some of the most prestigious projects throughout Europe.

PROBABLY THE LONGEST ESTABLISHED SPECIALISED CREATOR OF WOODEN LOO SEATS IN THE WORLD

We are dedicated to producing the very finest wooden seats and are justifiably proud of our products. A large proportion of our business is recommendation by 'word of mouth' and returning customers. One customer recently said, on ordering seats for her new house, "Having one of your seats is a bit like having an Aga – once you have had one you can't live without it." As a matter of policy, we use only carefully selected and seasoned premium quality timbers. We also use only the best quality British made solid brass fittings. We ensure the highest

standard by individually finishing and assembling every seat. We are surely the only manufacturer that still applies every coat of stain and varnish by hand, thus ensuring scrupulous attention to detail and quality control. We can also boast that all our products are entirely hand made in England.

We can supply all our seats to order in kit form, complete with fittings and buffers. These kits are particularly suitable if you need to achieve a special colour match and finish on site.

Choosing and using a product finely crafted from the best materials should be a fulfilling and pleasurable experience. We would like to help you get the most out of your purchase and our aim is that you should receive a very special personal service – no less than you would expect when you buy the best.

It is a long established belief in interior design that the bathroom is one of the most important rooms in the house and the humble cloakroom is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to make a major style statement. It is a room most often visited by your guests, where they can relax and be pampered. They also have time to take in all the detail of their surroundings so a small room, that need not cost a fortune, can say a great deal about you. A little extra can go a long way and a TOSCA & WILLOUGHBY seat, the finest wooden loo seat available, is an important first step.

Our seats are available through the quality interior designers and bathroom specialists, so you should always specify a TOSCA & WILLOUGHBY seat and if in doubt, contact us direct, we will be pleased to offer our best advice and help you choose and buy the most suitable seat.



CLASSIC THUNDERBOX

Based on a Victorian original, this is an elegant serpentine front seat of generous proportions. It is available in Mahogany or Oak, in 'Country House' gloss or satin finishes. This is a most substantial seat which offers maximum style and comfort. Designed originally over a hundred years ago, when there were no fixing holes in the back of WC pans, it fixes directly to the wall; it is still very helpful in the case of old WCs where modern seats simply will not fit.



We always finish 'Thunderboxes' to a customer's order which takes a little extra time but assures you of a very personal service and a bespoke product; supplied with heavy solid brass 2½" butt hinges and to your length measurement (see dimensions page 18).

Thunderboxes are not available with the Omega finish.

As the seat fixes back to the wall and not directly onto the WC it is not suitable for close-coupled suites.

Thunderboxes are tailor made to your specific length requirement (see dimensions page 18). This can vary from approximately 500mm in the case of a ducted cistern up to more than 750mm when there is a low level cistern.

When installing the cistern be sure it is high enough for the lever to clear the seat in the 'up' position.



European Oak satin finish ▲

◀ *Mahogany Country House gloss finish*

THE ALBANY SEAT

This traditional seat has been the mainstay of our range for thirty years. A classic seat that will fit almost all standard WCs (see dimensions page 18) the ring is a full 28mm thick. Available in the complete range of Mahogany and European hardwoods, in 'Country House' gloss or satin finish, High White Lacquer, all types of fittings, also in kit form, making over 100 combinations. The Omega finish and a range of veneers are available to special order – see page 13 for more details.

Deep rich Mahogany satin finish ▶



THE LONG ISLAND SEAT

A seat specifically designed to cater in the North American market place for the long standard U.S. WC pan. It is available only in Mahogany, in all finishes, unless it is a special order.

Deep rich Mahogany Country House gloss with optional easy lift handles ▶



THE FRANKLIN SEAT

Designed originally for the U.S. market (see dimensions page 18) this seat also has useful applications in the European market, especially where the flush lever on close coupled cisterns is awkwardly positioned or back to wall pans where the projection is shorter than usual (such as the Trent Waverley). Available in Mahogany and Oak in gloss and satin finishes, also White High Lacquer and all Omega finishes and veneers. Supplied with cranked forward hinges as standard.

◀ *Omega Bird's Eye Maple with optional easy lift handles*



THE CONNAUGHT SEAT

This seat is suitable for a number of European back to wall lavatory bowls such as the Duravit 'Stark 3' and Villeroy and Boch 'Subway'. It has a contemporary 'architectural' shape and is slim in cross section, with ring and lid both 20mm thick. Available in Oak and Mahogany in all finishes and High White Lacquer.

◀ *Oak stained to customer's sample with satin finish*



TIMBERS

Seats are generally available from stock in our standard timbers, or may be available as a special order in a variety of others such as Cherry, Ash, Elm, Sycamore and Beech.

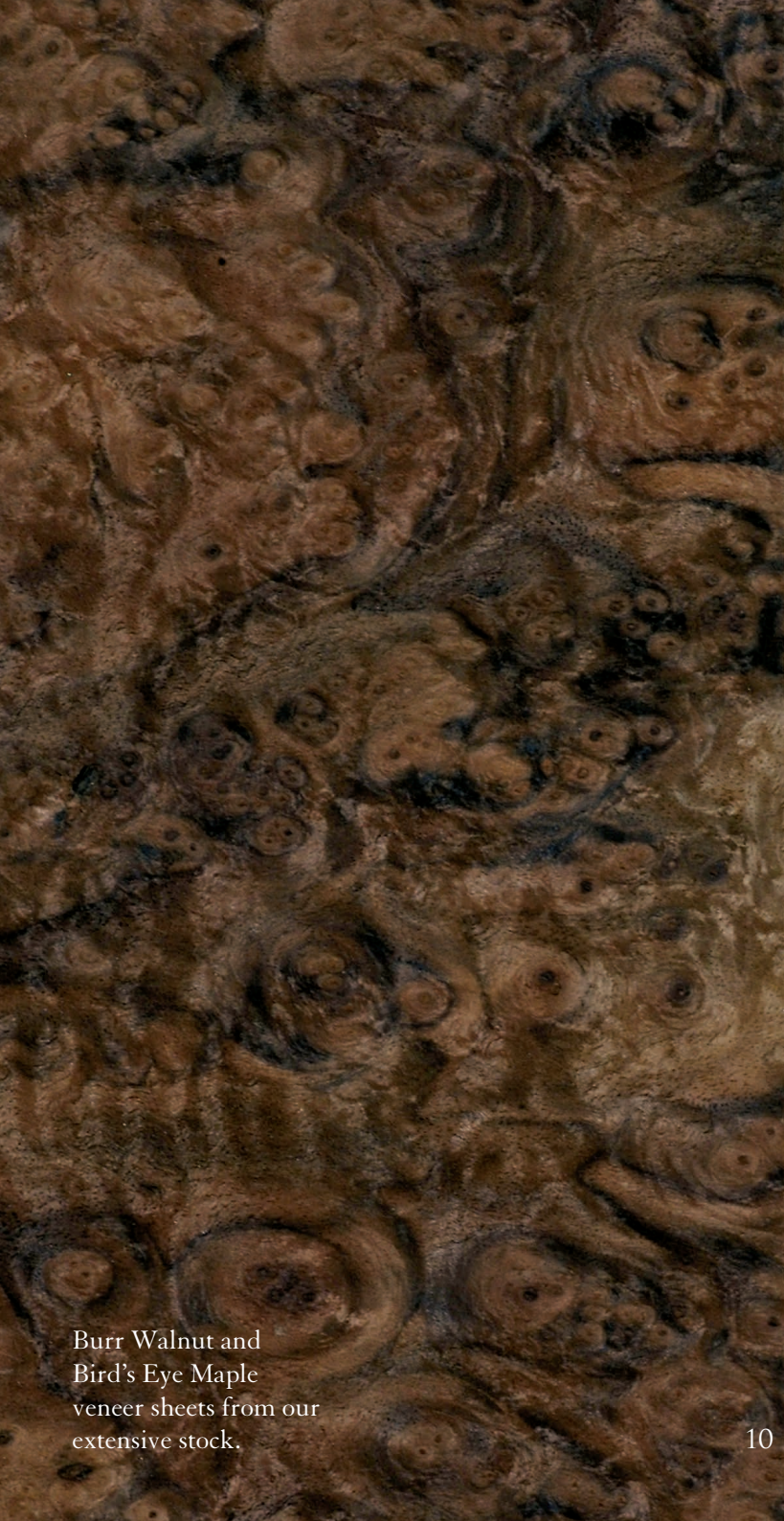
Our standard timbers are Mahogany and Oak with the black and white options.

The Mahogany is a West African Sapele and generally of good colour and patination, normally finished with a rich dark stain with a 'Country House' gloss or satin finish.

The Oak is White American or European Oak (the industry standard) normally finished in natural satin.

The Beech is English, a dense, close grained, pale colour timber from the Chiltern Beech woods, normally finished in natural satin.

Other timbers such as Cherry, Maple, Walnut and Elm, etc. are available to order at extra cost, there may also be limitations on quantity.



Burr Walnut and
Bird's Eye Maple
veneer sheets from our
extensive stock.



FINISHES

All our seats are available in 'Country House' gloss or satin, although we recommend that the Oak and Beech are finished in satin. These finishes are hand brushed.

Mahogany is normally supplied in our dark rich colour but can be supplied natural or stained to customer sample.

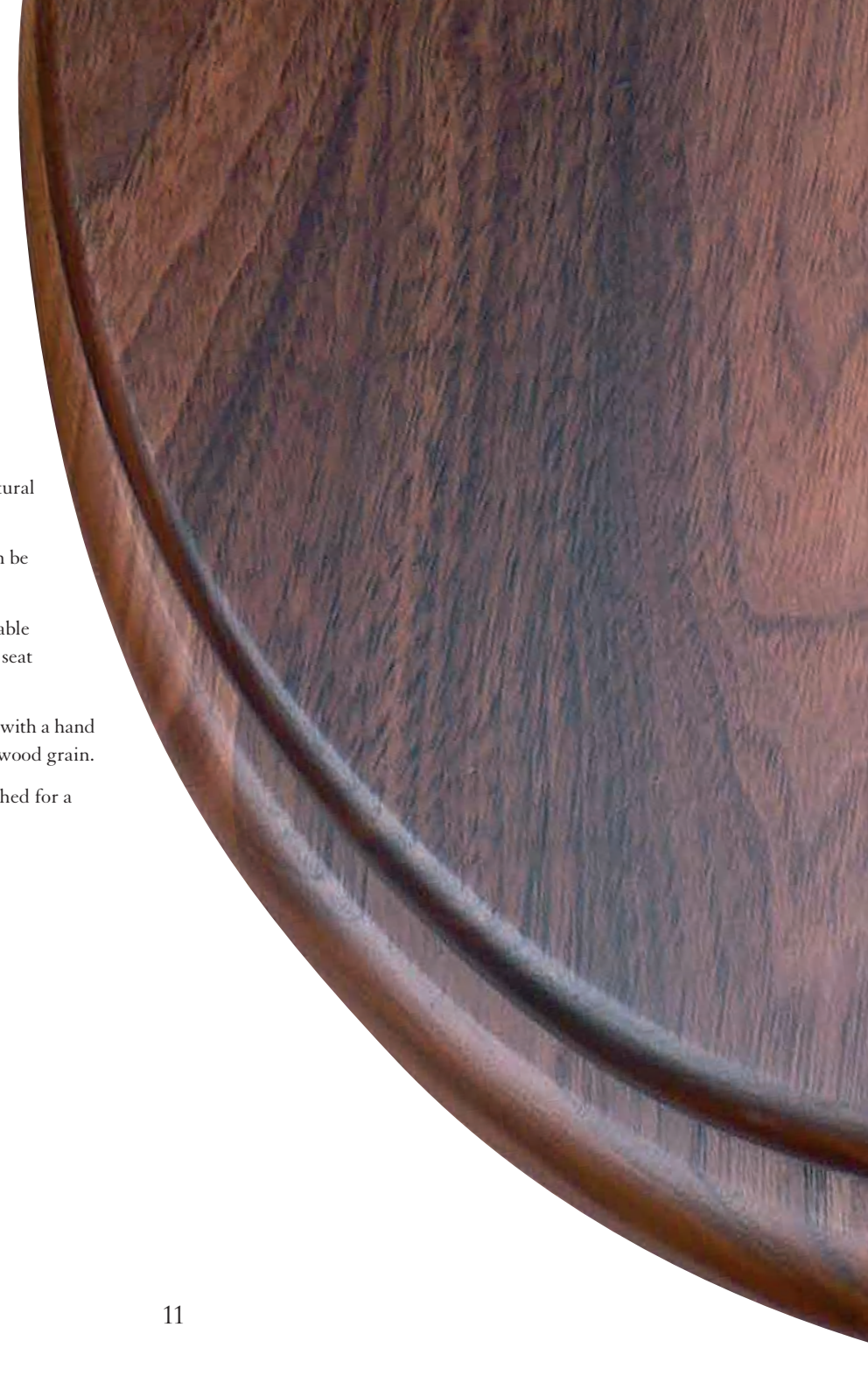
Oak can be limed and Beech or Oak can be stained to a customer's sample.

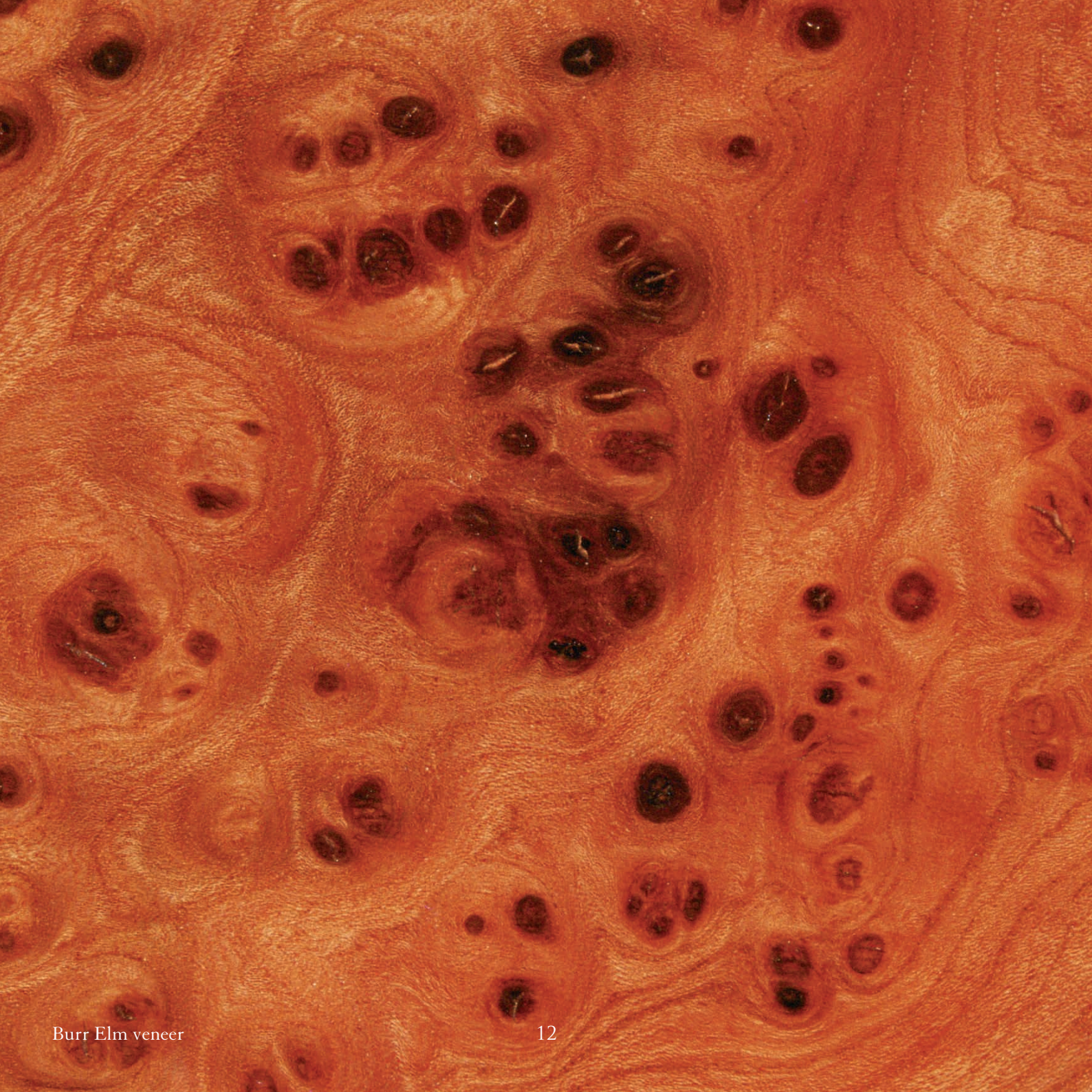
High White Lacquer finish is also available across the range. This is an MDF based seat and spray finished.

A black seat is available across the range with a hand brushed satin finish, which hints at the wood grain.

We are happy to supply any seat unfinished for a customer to finish on site.

Black American Walnut satin finish ▶





SPECIAL FINISHES

OMEGA

The most luxurious 'Piano' finish available. This is achieved by spraying up to ten coats of full waxing lacquer which are flatted down to a 1000 grade wet and dry finish and then burnished to the deepest luxury sheen possible, all by hand. All seats (except Thunderboxes) can be supplied in our high gloss 'Omega' polyester lacquer finish. Omega is also available in black 'Piano Finish' and a huge range of veneers: Burr Walnut, Bird's Eye Maple etc. Colours and effects are also available to order in this finish including Carbon Fibre.



VENEER

To special order we can provide the most distinctive veneered seats. The most popular are Burr Walnut and Bird's Eye Maple. Veneers can be applied to the Albany, Franklin, Long Island and Connaught seats with all appropriate fittings, but not to Thunderboxes. The finish on veneered seats is 'Omega'.

Bird's Eye Maple can be produced in a variety of tints if required. Other veneers, to your specification, can be provided.

Albany seat, Burr Walnut veneer ▲

◀ Wenge veneer Omega finish on Albany seat



Red hot Brass billets being stamped into hinge parts in the 500 ton press

HINGES

Our hinges are of the highest quality, solid Brass, British manufacture; they are hot forged for maximum strength, then milled and polished by hand before being plated to your requirements. They are available in standard finishes of Chrome, Bright Nickel and Inca Brass plate. To special order you can also have Satin Nickel and Gold or Silver plate, Architectural Bronze and Antique Copper or raw polished unlacquered Brass (for Thunderboxes Brass is standard, other finishes available at extra cost).

Cranked forward and 'Blind Hole' fittings are available from stock in Chrome, Inca Brass and Bright Nickel. All other finishes are available to order.

Beech Omega with optional easy lift handles ▼



Standard Top Hat Pillars ▶

Used on the Albany seat in most applications and on the Franklin seat very occasionally, they are supplied with wing nuts.



◀ Cranked Forward Pillars

These bring the seat one inch forward to help the seat remain in the 'up' position, if obstructed by cistern or lever. They are standard on the Franklin and Long Island seats and occasionally needed on the Albany, they are supplied with wing nuts.

Blind Hole Pillars ▶

These are for some 'back to wall' pans, where there is no access from underneath to tighten wing nuts; these are supplied with self-tightening grommets.



We can also supply 'Easy Lift Handles' in all the finishes listed above.



A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A TRULY INDIVIDUAL PIECE OF ART

We do not have a 'range' of designs to choose from so to speak, as all of our work is bespoke to a customer's special order, painted by our resident artist with over 35 years experience of heraldic painting.

We are happy to take commissions to paint almost anything onto the lid of your seat. Heraldry, monograms and house portraits are popular. This gives a great opportunity to have a truly individual piece of art which makes a marvellous present for a wedding, housewarming or retirement or to make a bold corporate statement. In the past we have supplied many royal and noble clients, as well as corporations and hotels.

We can also cater for carving commissions and engraving on Brass plaques to special order.

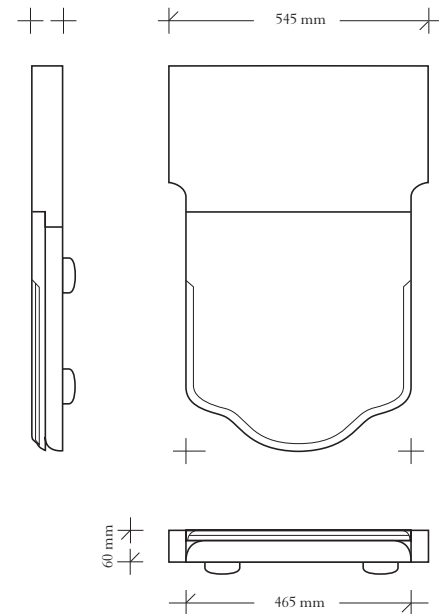
DIMENSIONS

TIPS ON MEASURING FOR YOUR NEW LOO SEAT

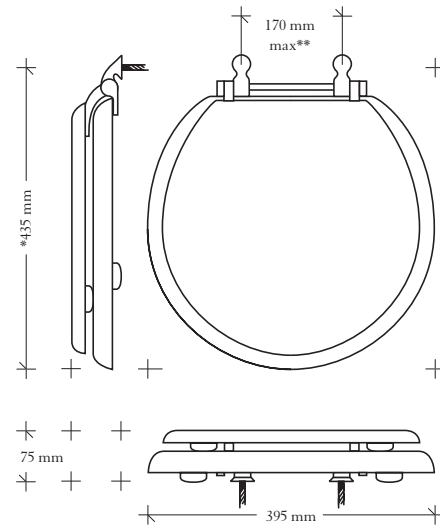
Firstly measure your WC bowl and not your existing seat. This will allow us to advise which seat will best fit your WC. It is normal that the seat will overhang the china bowl by up to one inch at the sides and front.

- * 415 mm with standard hinge pillars
- ** Can be altered to 185 mm fixed
- *** 435 mm with cranked pillars
- **** 455 mm with cranked pillars

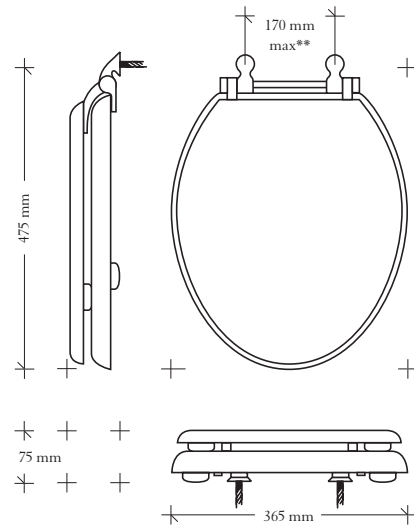
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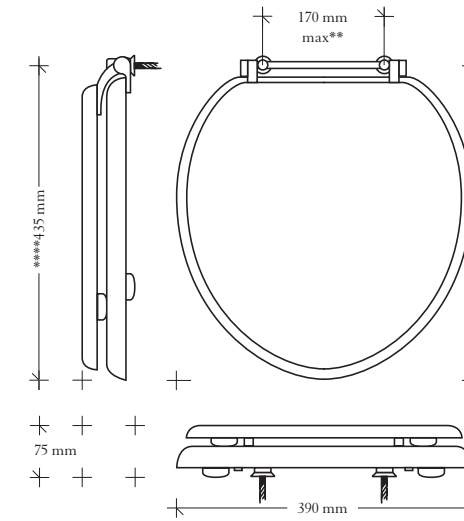
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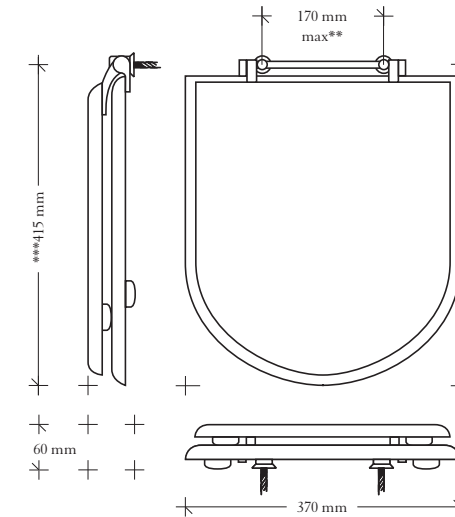
LONG ISLAND



ALBANY



CONNAUGHT



THUNDERBOXES.

(E) As the seat fixes to the wall, please measure the distance from the wall, behind the WC and under the cistern (excepting and only with a ducted cistern, in which case it is the panel in front of the cistern) – straight forward to the front outside edge of the china bowl.

(B) Measure the width across the china bowl at the widest part from outside edge to edge.

As the seat fixes to the wall, the Thunderbox is not suitable for use with close-coupled suites (where the china cistern sits directly on the WC bowl with no visible flush pipe).

Where the flush pipe runs down the wall into the back of the WC bowl a slot will have to be cut, on site, to accommodate this.

When fixing your cistern be sure that the flush lever is sufficiently high so as not to interfere with the seat lid when raised.

CONVENTIONAL SEATS.

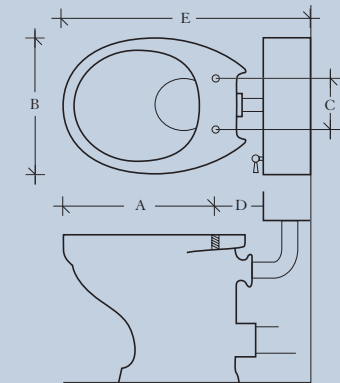
We use the line between the fixing holes in the back of the WC pan as a base line. Please take your measurements using this as a datum.

(A) Measure from this line forward to the front outside edge of the china bowl.

(B) Measure the width across the china bowl at the widest part from outside edge to edge.

(C) Measure the distance between the fixing holes from centre to centre. Remember to check that you have access under the back of the pan, to be able to tighten the seat fixing wing nuts, by hand.

(D) Using a plumb line down the front of the cistern, measure from the fixing holes back to the line of the front of the cistern.



INFORMATION

THE ENVIRONMENT

We are very conscious of the environmental issues surrounding Mahogany and other tropical hardwoods and do our best in our purchasing policy to act responsibly in this complex area.

We are most careful to use Mahogany from demonstrably responsible and renewable sources, and use small dimension logs. However, to be as ecologically sound as possible, we would recommend our clients consider the use of endemic English or European temperate hardwoods, of which we are able to supply an extensive range including Oak, Ash, Elm, Beech, Maple, Walnut, Sycamore and Cherry. These seats come from managed forests and positively help our rural economy and enhance the countryside we all like to enjoy.

CARE

A 'Care of your Seat' leaflet and fitting instructions are enclosed with your seat.

A couple of simple Dos and Don'ts:

Do keep your seat clean and dry.

Don't sit on the lid!

Caring for your seat will be repaid with many years of service and pleasure.

We have done our best to reproduce colours accurately within the limits of the printing process, however, there is a degree of natural variation within all our products. If colour is a key to your choice please contact us to discuss.

HOW TO ORDER

Online: at www.looseats.com

By Post: Please return your order form along with a cheque, made payable to *Tosca and Willoughby Ltd.*, to: Tosca and Willoughby, Home Farm, Aston Rowant, Oxfordshire, OX49 5ST.

By Phone: +44 (0)1844 353477

We would be delighted if you wish to add a Tosca and Willoughby seat to your wedding list or would like us to send a gift voucher to a friend.

DISPATCH

There is a small delivery charge for minimal orders. We use a standard service which generally takes 3-5 working days, although your seat may take longer than this to prepare, depending on the specification. For overnight service or delivery outside mainland Britain, please enquire as to options.

A copy of our Conditions of Sale, Warranty and Returns Procedure are available on request or online.

Trade, Contract and Export enquiries welcome.

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