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Manufacturers of French Polishes, Stains and Wax Polishes  
John Mylands Limited, London

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## PRODUCT DATA SHEETS SHELLAC POLISHES

<p><b>General</b></p>	<p>Although French Polish is the general term for all types of Shellac Polish, it is also a product in its own right.</p> <p>Mylands range contains many blends of Shellac Polish which have been developed over the years to fulfil various different requirements – some of which are slightly modified products for a specific purpose.</p> <p>They come in various depths of colour, which give the French Polisher latitude to choose the most appropriate product for the timber being polished.</p> <p>Shellac products have a variety of uses from finishing antiques and reproduction furniture to acting as a barrier between two normally incompatible finishes. They are particularly useful when refurbishing furniture as they will seal in any wax product which may have been applied to the furniture in the past.</p>		
<p><b>Product Codes</b></p>	<p><b>Product</b></p> <p><b>Clear Polishes:</b> French Polish Button Polish Superfine White Polish Special Pale Polish Garnet Polish Hardspar Polish*</p> <p><b>Coloured Polishes:</b> Red Polish Black Polish</p> <p><b>Modified Polishes:</b> Heat Resistant Polish – 943 * Heat Resistant Polish – 150 * Brushing French Polish</p>	<p><b>Product Code</b></p> <p>01 770 9031 01 770 9011 01 770 9004 01 770 9021 01 770 9037 01 770 9002</p> <p>01 773 1515 01 773 1516</p> <p>01 770 9175 01 770 9172 01 777 9000</p>	<p><b>VOC Level</b></p> <p>730g/litre 730g/litre 650g/litre 730g/litre 730g/litre 675g/litre</p> <p>690g/litre 690g/litre</p> <p>620g/litre 710g/litre 650g/litre</p>
<p><b>Technical Data</b></p>	<p>These products are made from pure natural Shellac dissolved in alcohol solvent to give good clarity, build and ease of application.</p> <p>Most wood dyes and stains may be used prior to French Polishing.</p> <p>Shellac products are classed as non-convertible coatings, which mean that they will re-dissolve in solvents – even alcohol.</p> <p>The durability of these products is generally only for light use and does not come up to the level of synthetic modern lacquers. It is therefore recommended to use place mats as both heat and alcohol will adversely affect the coating.</p> <p><b>French Polish:</b> This is a rich, medium brown coloured polish which is commonly used on darker timbers such as walnut, oak and mahogany. French polish produces a warm, dark transparent coating which cannot be reproduced by modern synthetic lacquers.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">cont. over</p>		

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### SHELLAC POLISHES (CONT).

<b>Technical Data (cont).</b>	<p><b>Button Polish:</b> This is similar to French Polish, but has a slightly warmer patina and gives a lighter colour on timbers such as oak.</p> <p><b>Superfine White Polish:</b> This product is suitable for light coloured timbers, such as oak, beech, maple, ash and sycamore and gives a beautiful high gloss finish. It gives a softer finish than other polishes, so should not be used on table tops.</p> <p>White polish has a hazy white appearance in the liquid form but dries to a clear film.</p> <p><b>Special Pale Polish:</b> This is a classic pale polish which produces a superb finish and is suitable for antique table tops. It is suitable for light coloured timbers as for White Polish above.</p> <p><b>Garnet Polish:</b> This is the darkest coloured polish on the range and is most suited to dark coloured timbers. It does not have the warm glow associated with Button Polish and gives a rather cold colour.</p> <p><b>Hardspar Polish:</b> This product is slightly more durable than Special Pale Polish and is clearer in appearance.</p> <p><b>Red Polish:</b> This polish is a strong red colour and may be used to tint other polishes.</p> <p><b>Black Polish:</b> This polish is a strong black colour and may be used to tint other polishes.</p> <p><b>Heat Resistant Polishes:</b> These are polishes which have been modified to give improved durability without using modern resins in the modification. They are the most durable products in the Shellac Polish range. [do not use raw linseed oil for lubrication during 'bodying up' – instead use Methylated Spirits.</p> <p><b>Brushing French Polish:</b> This is a French polish which has been modified by the addition of cellulose. It is used in conjunction with Mylands Wax to make a simple, professional looking finish.</p>
<b>Application</b>	These products are all intended for application by normal French polishing techniques, but may also be applied by brush or mop.
<b>Drying Time</b>	These products will be touch dry in approximately 15 minutes and denibbable for recoating in approximately 30 minutes at 20°C.
<b>Coverage</b>	The coverage of these products is variable and is dependant on various factors, such as porosity of timber, application method, etc.
<b>Thinners</b>	Brushing French Polish Thinners 02 702 9082. French Polish Thinners 02 702 9084. Methylated Spirit 09 802 0741.
<b>Equipment Cleaning</b>	Use Methylated Spirits.
<b>Packaging</b>	These products are generally available in 5 litre, 2.5 litre, 1 litre, 500ml and 250ml containers. Those marked * in 'Product codes' section above are only available in 5 litre and 1 litre sizes. Red Polish is not available in 2.5 litre size.
<b>Storage</b>	Store at room temperature. Protect from frost. Keep lid tightly closed and away from sources of heat or sunlight. 12 month shelf life.
<b>Physical Constants</b>	VOC level: See individual entries in Product Codes section above.
<b>Health and Safety</b>	Refer to the relevant Mylands MSDS before use.

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