

CARE INSTRUCTIONS BOOKLET



CARING FOR YOUR FURNITURE

Eco Outdoor furniture is designed and built for use and enjoyment out of doors. The furniture utilises materials that are either naturally very tough and resilient or manufactured to withstand being left in the weather.

Just like furniture for indoors, outdoor furniture requires regular care to ensure its ongoing performance and beauty. The following information is designed to help you understand the materials and how best to keep your furniture looking great.

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TEAKWOOD

Teakwood is an extremely durable hardwood timber that is very stable. It has been regarded for centuries as the ideal timber for boat building and furniture making where strength and longevity are required, even when exposed to moisture and climate variations. Uniquely teakwood resins contain oils that are highly water resistant and repellent to insect attack, consequently teakwood will survive for many years outdoors with little or no structural deterioration.

Eco Outdoor teak furniture is made using the highest quality, sustainably sourced plantation teak from Indonesia.

The majority of our teakwood furniture is supplied with a raw, untreated finish. Left outdoors the teakwood furniture will age beautifully and gradually turn a soft silver grey colour. This is a natural reaction of the raw teak when exposed to the sun and weather and it does not affect the durability or strength of the teakwood. The teakwood furniture with a white wash finish will also gradually turn a soft grey colour with little or no white wash remaining.

TEAKWOOD CARE

To get the best out of your teak furniture we recommend that teakwood be left in its natural state, without applying any oils or varnishes. Oil and varnished finishes are difficult to maintain and may encourage mould growth.

As with indoor furniture regular cleaning is essential to keep the teakwood free from pollens and dirt, we recommend you brush off and wipe with a damp cloth, paying extra attention to horizontal surfaces. Remember that teakwood is a natural organic material and it may in certain conditions be subject to mould growth. Regular cleaning will minimise the chance of mould growth.

If mould growth does occur clean it immediately using a teak or deck cleaning solution, these are readily available at hardware stores. For very stubborn mould growth a solution of one part bleach to three parts water may be needed. Teak may also be refreshed periodically using 400grit sand paper.



ECO OUTDOOR FABRIC

Our fabric range provides the opportunity to enjoy the comfort and style of indoor furniture outdoors. You can choose from the natural linen ranges or the acrylic Canvas, Broadcloth, Basics and Botanicals ranges. Luxuriously soft and incredibly durable, all our fabrics are of commercial grade quality designed specifically for outdoor living.

LINEN

The linen range of natural fabrics are grown and woven in Belgium. Linen is an incredibly strong and durable natural fibre used through the centuries, and now with modern finishing techniques, can be enjoyed outdoors.

Linens may have natural variations in colour and texture. One such variation is called slubs, these slubs come about in the weaving process. Slubs are not a fault but add texture and character to the fabric. Our linens are tough, stain repellent and water resistant, however as linen is a natural fibre, care is required to ensure longevity of the product for continued outdoor use.

LINEN CARE

Fabrics should be vacuumed regularly using low suction to remove dirt. To clean, machine wash at 40 degrees celsius. Do not allow dirt to remain on the fabric, as this may encourage mould growth, which makes regular cleaning important.

It is recommended that linen covers are located in sheltered outdoor areas such as verandahs and balconies. When linens are used in a fully exposed environment, ensure that cushions are not left in a soaked or water logged state i.e. cushions should be rotated and left to air dry in a well ventilated area. Some fading may occur over time.

Linens and Raw Linens

Machine wash or dry clean – any solvent except trichloroethylene

Do not use Bleach

Tumble dry at a low temperature

Slub Linens

Machine wash or dry clean – any solvent except trichloroethylene

Do not use Bleach

Do not tumble dry

BASICS, BROADCLOTH, BOTANICALS AND CANVAS

Our Basics, Broadcloth, Botanicals and Canvas fabric ranges are colour fast, hardwearing and durable outdoor acrylic fabrics. Made from solution dyed Sunbrella yarn the ranges are of the highest commercial quality. These fabrics are easy to clean, they will not crack, tear or become hard with exposure to the weather.

BASICS, BROADCLOTH, BOTANICALS AND CANVAS CARE

Fabrics should be cleaned regularly. Brush off dirt and wash with mild soap and lukewarm water solution (less than 38 Degrees C). For stubborn stains wash in a solution of 1 cup (236ml) of bleach and cup (59ml) of mild soap per 3.8 litres of water. Rinse thoroughly to remove soap and allow to air dry.

Machine wash temperature less than 38 Degrees C.

Do not tumble dry.

Do not dry clean.

When acrylic fabrics are used in a fully exposed environment, ensure that cushions are not left in a soaked or water logged state i.e. cushions should be rotated and left to air dry in a well-ventilated area.



OUTDOOR QUICK DRY FOAM

All our furniture cushions use Quick Dry Foam for their core. This foam is produced by a special process called Hydro Blast Reticulation creating a foam that has large, open pores to allow drainage and air circulation, ensuring the cushion dries quickly ready for use.

OUTDOOR WEAVE

Eco Outdoor woven furniture uses synthetic weave tightly woven over either aluminium or teakwood frames, ensuring that the frames will not rust and the weave will not sag. The Rehau and Ecolene weaves used are both high performance materials, highly UV and fade resistant and able to withstand extreme temperatures and harsh weather conditions. Because these weaves are made from polyethylene they can be recycled completely residue free.



OUTDOOR STRAPPING

Our strapping is a high performance material that has great strength and is highly fade resistant while providing excellent comfort. Strapping is made from Olefin a synthetic material traditionally used in ropes, it can be left outdoors and has a low absorption rate of moisture and will dry easily.

OUTDOOR WEAVE AND STRAPPING CARE

Eco Outdoor weave and strapping can be cleaned simply with a mild soap and clean water solution applied with a soft brush. Do not use any type of abrasive agent or scouring pad, as scratches can remain on the surface.



COMPACT LAMINATE

Eco Outdoor uses compact laminate developed for exterior cladding of buildings and so is extremely weatherproof and highly UV and fade resistant and requires little maintenance.

COMPACT LAMINATE CARE

Compact laminate requires the minimum of maintenance, simply use a damp cloth to wipe clean. If there is any build up of grease and grime use a non-abrasive cleaning agent or soap solution. Avoid streaks by rinsing and wiping dry.

BATYLINE MESH FABRIC

Many of our seat and back slings are made from Batyline, a high performance exterior fabric made in France. Batyline is tough and flexible enough to provide great comfort but does not sag through use. Batyline is made from polyester fibre covered by a coating of PVC, making it nearly impossible to tear. It is resistant to mildew growth, UV radiation and fading, although like all materials left outdoors, slight discolouration is unavoidable over time.

BATYLINE CARE

To clean, wash the mesh with a mild soap, mixed with clean water, use a soft brush. Rinse with clean water and dry with a cloth to avoid water stains on stainless steel frames.



METAL FRAMES

The Eco Outdoor range of furniture use a variety of metal frames depending on what is required for the design and function of a piece. Each metal gives a unique look to the design.

STEEL

Steel frames add weight and strength to the designs. The steel is galvanised and then powder coated to protect the frames from weather. Some finishes are hand rubbed to produce a distinctive aged patina.

ALUMINIUM

Aluminium is wonderful metal for use outdoor as it provides an excellent stable surface for colour finishes that will not rust. Aluminium is a relatively light weight metal so to ensure our furniture has good strength and weight we use a thick tube wall with internal reinforcing.

STEEL AND ALUMINIUM CARE

To maintain simply wash with a soap and water solution rinsed off with clean water.





BRASS

Brass is an alloy, a mixture of copper and zinc. Traditionally known for its malleability and durability it has been used by craftsmen through the centuries to create some of the world's most beautiful artifacts. Brass will oxidise quickly transforming from a bright polished metal to a mottled aged finish, we like this finish very much, so our brass is not polished but hand rubbed to an aged finish giving each piece its individual appearance.

BRASS CARE

To maintain simply wash with a soap and water solution rinsed off with clean water. We don't recommend the brass be polished, as this will remove the natural patina.

STAINLESS STEEL (304)

304 Stainless Steel is tough, corrosion and rust resistant requiring low maintenance that will serve long term when used outdoors.

STAINLESS STEEL CARE

304 Stainless steel is stain resistant but staining may occur particularly on flat horizontal surfaces, or where the furniture is located close to coastal environments, this staining is sometimes known as "tea staining".

Tea staining does not affect the structural integrity or longevity of the furniture. To maintain the natural sheen of stainless steel apply a stainless steel cleaner whenever required, stainless steel cleaners are available at hardware stores. In highly saline environments extra cleaning will be required to maintain the polished surface appearance.

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