

## Care and maintenance of timber furniture

### Oak

When new, oak furniture will appear quite light with a slightly yellow hue. All woods, however, can vary significantly from one piece to another. Any sample products should be taken as indicative of the wood and finish. Over time, sunlight will cause the wood to darken and mellow throughout its life.

### Ash

Ash behaves in all respects identically to oak; the main difference is that ash has a slightly narrower grain. As with oak, ash will darken over time.

### Beech

Beech has a tighter grain still which lends itself to being painted. Natural beech will appear very light in colour and over time will darken slightly.

### Stained wood

Some of our furniture collections include stained versions of the woods described above, which adds more protection from spillages.

Staining also adds a greater level of colour control between batches, however, as the stain is still applied to a natural surface, there will still be some level of natural variation between pieces.

### Lacquer

Our collections of wooden furniture are finished in a durable clear matt lacquer. This provides an easy to care for and durable finish that doesn't compromise the natural beauty of the wood grain.

### Care

Woods will expand and shrink with changes in temperature and humidity. Take care not to place your furniture next to radiators or anywhere subject to excessive changes in temperature or moisture.

We recommend that all kitchenware and beverages should be placed on mats and any spillages should be wiped away immediately.

Never place hot items, such as dishes, directly onto the table without using a heat resistant mat or trivet as direct heat will draw out the moisture in the wood leaving a ring mark ingrained into the wood

To clean, wipe with a damp cloth before buffing with a dry cloth. In the event of more stubborn marks, a solution of mild detergent should be used on the cloth. Silicone based polishes should not be used on the wood as they will build up and leave a sticky residue on the surface.

## Cleaning advice for Plastic and Powder coated surfaces

### **Plastic surfaces – Langue Chair**

Dampen a soft cloth in the detergent water and wipe to remove dirt and grime from the plastic surfaces and buff dry with soft dry cloth.

### **Powder coated finish – Duke Tables**

Wipe off dust with a soft, moist cloth. For more stubborn marks use a mild soap solution and a soft cloth to gently clean. Rinse with a little water, then dry with another soft towel.

Please note: Powder coating is very durable finish, however, that resistance does not mean the furniture is resistant to chemical cleaners and solvents if used too often. Harsh cleaners and solvents like acetone can damage the powder coating.

## ***Give your leather products a long and happy life***

Leather is a natural material that requires maintenance. If you do it the right way, you will make the leather more and more beautiful in time. Here are a few tips in order to get the greatest and longest possible enjoyment from your leather products.

- Avoid placing the leather in direct sunlight or extreme heat.
- Use a vacuum cleaner with a soft brush regularly.
- Never use detergents.
- Use the foam from soap flakes for housecleaning.
- Do not use sharp objects.

## **Maintenance**

### ***Main cleaning of leather:***

1. Use a half deciliter soap flakes to a liter of water. Whip the soap flakes into the hot water.
2. When the water becomes room temperature, the **foam** must be applied all over the furniture with a soft cloth. The leather should not be soaked. Only use the foam.
3. When the furniture is dry, the leather can be polished with a soft cotton cloth.

### **Saddle leather**

**Note:** The following directions will make the untreated saddle leather a bit darker.

If you spill something on the saddle leather, please let it dry for about a month before using the maintenance guide (stains will dry & fade a lot during this month). However there is no guarantee that the stains will disappear.

After this you may think the leather looks a bit dry, you can then use fx. Golden Quality wax nature, this will minimize the stains further but also make the leather look darker.

