OUTDOOR FURNITURE MAINTENANCE



Outside furniture, particularly when used in exposed conditions without shading, is subjected to extremes of temperature, humidity and UV light. We choose only the best materials for such conditions, such as aluminium, stainless steel and hardwood, but products will only remain in good condition if they are well maintained. The following guidelines will assist customers to look after their investment and we are always willing to offer further advice or clarification.

ANGLE RANGE A-FRAME BENCH TRIANGLE RANGE BOX PLANTER DRUM PLANTER These products are made of aluminium with a hard baked-on paint plus a finishing coat of clear lacquer. Surface scratching may occur in use but this will only be an issue if deep scratches are made with a sharp implement down to the bare metal. The aluminium will not rust like steel but if this happens it is best to paint over the scratch with a fine brush. We will provide small pots of paint in the right colour on request.

Routine Cleaning: Use a non-abrasive, damp cloth and mild detergent only.

Stain Removal: Scuff marks and persistent stains can be removed using BigWipes (bigwipes.com).

Avoid: Using cleaners containing granular material or acids.

BLOCK RANGE EDGE RANGE These products have aluminium supports and thick iroko slats. The aluminium is finished with a hard baked-on paint plus a final coat of clear lacquer. Surface scratching may occur in use but this will only be an issue if deep scratches are made with a sharp implement down to the bare metal. The aluminium will not rust like steel but if this happens it is best to paint over the scratch with a fine brush. We will provide small pots of paint in the right colour on request. The iroko hardwood is provided unfinished and can be left unfinished throughout its life. If so, it will gradually lose its natural colour to become grey, and the grain will become more prominent. This is entirely normal and some people prefer this look, and roughness can be sanded back if necessary. If customers prefer to retain the original look, they can oil the wood periodically starting after the untreated wood has lost its oily surface from initial exposure to the elements (the new wood surface will not absorb oil and this is why it is not supplied with an oil finish). After the first oiling, usually done after 6 months exposure, the next oiling will be needed in about 12 months time depending on exposure conditions and the weather. If 2018 summer conditions are repeated, oiling may have to be done 6 monthly. We recommend Osmo Oil OO7 applied to manufacturers' instructions for this purpose.

Routine Cleaning: Use a non-abrasive, damp cloth and mild detergent only.

Stain Removal: Scuff marks and persistent stains can be removed from the aluminium

supports using BigWipes (bigwipes.com). Stains to the iroko can be

removed by lightly sanding back.

Avoid: Using cleaners containing granular material or acids.

ALFRESCO RANGE

These products have stainless steel supports and thick iroko slats. The stainless steel is finished with a clear lacquer and only needs regular cleaning.

The iroko hardwood is provided unfinished and can be left unfinished throughout its life. If so, it will gradually lose its natural colour to become grey, and the grain will become more prominent. This is entirely normal and some people prefer this look, and roughness can be sanded back if necessary. If customers prefer to retain the original look, they can oil the wood periodically starting after the untreated wood has lost its oily surface from initial exposure to the elements (the new wood surface will not absorb oil and this is why it is not supplied with an oil finish). After the first oiling, usually done after 6 months exposure, the next oiling will be needed in about 12 months time depending on exposure conditions and the weather. If 2018 summer conditions are repeated, oiling may have to be done 6 monthly. We recommend Osmo Oil OO7 applied to manufacturers' instructions for this purpose.

Routine Cleaning: Use a non-abrasive, damp cloth and mild detergent only.

Stain Removal: Scuff marks and persistent stains can be removed from the

stainless steel supports using BigWipes (bigwipes.com). Stains to the

iroko can be removed by lightly sanding back.

Avoid: Using cleaners containing granular material or acids.