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DIFFERENT WAYS OF LIVING



CARE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Teak

2. Rattan

3. Concrete

TEAK

Teak for outdoor use

Untreated teak gradually changes color during outdoor exposure from honey-colored in the beginning, to silver-grey over time. Our teak furniture for outdoor use is treated with an environmentally friendly, water-based solution with silicon vitriol as an active ingredient. This is what gives the greyish color from the beginning. The different structure in the wood means that the table absorbs different amounts of the agent and therefore you can get a small difference in color between different tables. The treatment will gradually drop, and the natural patina will be highlighted, and the furniture will then retain its silver-grey, natural color. In some cases, penetrations of sap and resin from the wood on the surface can be detected. These are marked as yellowish spots on the table and are completely normal and will disappear over time.

Care and cleaning

Use a slightly damp cloth when cleaning. The furniture should be treated a couple of times a year with “Teak Shield” to maintain its protection against stains and water and to prevent mold.

Clean the furniture carefully and make sure it is dry. Place dry and free from temperature changes during winter storage. When stored damp and poorly ventilated, mold can form on the wood, which can be difficult to remove.

Recommended product: Teak Shield Golden Care

Stains should be wiped away immediately to avoid any permanent defects. Make sure that the entire wooden surface is exposed to the same amount of sunlight, in order to minimize the risk of the color becoming uneven. Small cracks may appear. Temperature and humidity also affect the wood's behaviour and screws and parts should be adjusted regularly. Dry off with a damp cloth.

The furniture should be treated once a year with “Teak Shield”, in order to maintain its protection against stains and water. Do not use detergent. Place dry and free from temperature changes during winter storage.



RATTAN

The furniture is made of aluminum frame with synthetic polyethylene rattan. Recommended for both indoor and outdoor use. Remember to store the furniture protected during winter storage. Clean with water and soft brush. Do not use high pressure washer. Use “Plastic rattan conditioner”, which effectively cleans and re-greases the furniture.

Recommended product: Artificial rattan Conditioner

Artificial rattan Conditioner from Leather Master is a cleaning product for artificial rattan that effectively cleans and regreases. Works on all types of rattan furniture.

How to use:

Apply Plastic Rattan to the surface to be treated. Wait a minute and then brush off the dirt using a dish brush. Rinse with water.



CONCRETE

The furniture is made entirely of natural materials such as granite flour, cement, natural jute fibers and water. The concrete is porous and when finished, the product is treated with a wax to provide active protection against stains. Colour variations may occur. The concrete is cast by hand and the thickness can be somewhat different. Therefore, the height can vary a little bit for the same furniture.

The concrete furniture can be used outdoors during summertime. For concrete furniture with metal base, indoor use is recommended.

Clean with a mild detergent and water. Do not use abrasives or cleaning products containing bleach or ammonia. We do not recommend the use of ordinary detergents (which are often citrus based) as they may contain acid, which can damage the concrete. Plain soft soap, green or yellow, is an excellent cleaning agent for the concrete, as the soap also greases the concrete.

The furniture should be treated with wax once in the first two months after purchase and then every three to six months depending on use and placement.

We recommend that our customers regularly treat their tabletops in this way as the surface treatment wears off over time. You should be extra careful about tabletops when they are new as they are still in the intense hardening phase and the risk of stains is higher during that time. When the furniture is used outdoors, the surface layer is even more important, as moisture can penetrate the concrete. During summertime this is not a problem, but if the furniture is exposed to moisture in connection with cold, cracks and flakes may appear in the concrete. Therefore, it is important that the furniture is treated regularly, in order to protect the furniture.

Prior to winter storage, it is very important that the furniture is saturated with oil to prevent moisture from entering the concrete and causing damages. Normal olive oil can be used. Use a regular cloth and continue to treat the furniture until the concrete no longer absorbs and is saturated.

Remember not to cover the concrete with plastic or tarpaulin and do not leave anything on the surface, such as pots or other furniture. Make sure that snow and ice cannot accumulate and remain on concrete surfaces.

For concrete furniture with wooden base (Acacia), we recommend an oil suitable for wood, "Furniture Oil" from "Leathermaster Scandinavia" is a good alternative. During production, the furniture is treated with oil and it is required that you continue to oil the furniture in order for it to stay in good condition. If the furniture is placed outdoors, oiling is required several times a year.

Make sure that the furniture is dry and clean before oiling. Continue to oil until the surface is saturated and the furniture does not absorb more of the oil. Wipe off excess oil with a cloth. Remember to protect the surface before and after treatment. If possible, keep the furniture under roof and frost-free.

Recommended product: Spray Wax Protector

Spray Wax from Leather Master prevents liquid and dirt from penetrating the surface. The product works excellently on wood, stone and other absorbent materials that need to be protected. Always test on a hidden surface before treatment. Sufficient for 2-4 m2 depending on how absorbent the surface is.

How to use:

1. Shake the jar.
2. Spray an even layer at approximately 20 cm on the surface to be treated.
3. Immediately polish with a soft cloth. Do not let the wax dry before polishing.
4. The surface can be used after approx. 2-4 hours.

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