

Patio Furniture Ltd - Care and Usage Instructions for Wooden Furniture

General

Wood is a natural product and as such its cosmetic appearance will deteriorate over time. The period and severity of deterioration will vary upon the location and level of care and treatment given to the wood.

If left untreated the wood will turn a grey/silver colour and cracks can occur on the surface of the wood - *this does not affect the structural integrity of the furniture*. You can partially restore the original depth of colour and cracks by sanding the wood and applying a treatment.

Treatment

If you choose to maintain the original appearance of the wood, you will need to apply treatment during its first week outside. If you have purchased our own Wood Sealant or a Teak Oil then follow the instructions provided carefully. A basic guideline for treatment is below:

1. Make sure the surface of the wood is clean and free of any dust or dirt.
2. Apply the treatment evenly across the surface using a cloth. Ensure all surfaces have been reached including those not normally visible. Ensure all joints and end points have sufficient coverage.
3. Allow treatment to dry - this can take up to 10 hours depending on your location, and then apply a second coat if required particularly on top surfaces.

We do not recommend the use of furniture covers as in certain circumstances it can create an artificial environment that does not allow the wood to 'breathe' and can cause rapid deterioration in the cosmetic appearance. All our wood should be left in the natural humidity of the air. Out of season your wooden furniture should be stored in a dry, well aired location.

To prevent wood rot, do not use on damp ground or grass.

Hardwood note: this furniture is often boxed and sealed in conditions of high humidity, therefore we have instructed our manufacturer to apply a cursory oil based treatment so that when or if mildew occurs it can simply be wiped off. The oiling may exaggerate the woods natural colours but this will fade over time.

UK Sustainable note: for our Douglas Fir timber, we recommend the use of a water based wood stain with an acrylic hardener.

Damage on Delivery

Where goods are couriered and you receive them in a damaged state, please contact us within 24hrs of receipt to report the damage.

Safety guidelines

- Always place furniture on level ground and ensure all leg supports are touching the ground.
- Take care when using any folding mechanisms. Children should always be supervised by an adult when using the furniture.
- Do not sit or stand on any part of the furniture other than the chair seats.