

WOOD NEEDS LOOKING AFTER!

Cleaning and maintenance of products made out of wood or covered with natural cladding such as veneer and facing boards.

Our furniture is made out of solid wood or clad with natural wood veneers, hand finished with care for each and every detail. We only use top quality, specially selected materials. We put our hearts into ensuring that they retain their qualities for as long as possible and dazzle with "lasting beauty".

Please take a look at the following information, where you'll find guidelines on how to take care of wooden surfaces, how to clean, maintain and protect them.

"A home for our furniture" - Interiors Wooden furniture as well as that finished using natural cladding such as veneer and facing boards should be used and kept in enclosed interiors, which are dry and not exposed to the elements or direct sunlight. The temperature within such premises should remain between 15 and 30 degrees Celsius with humidity between 40 and 70 %. Furniture should be located at least 1 m away from active heat sources. It should not be right underneath air conditioning units or on wet surfaces.

"Wood does not take kindly to bathing"- Water, liquids and moisture Wooden furniture as well as that covered with natural veneer and facing boards should not be subject to prolonged contact with water or other liquids (e.g. alcohol). Do not leave liquids standing directly on the surface. Any spillages should be wiped dry immediately. Do not place wet items, such as glasses or plates, onto oiled and varnished wooden surfaces. Use soft mats or coasters to prevent local discolourings and damage to the surface.

"Natural enemies of wood - what to avoid" - harmful substances and high temperature Oiled and varnished wooden surfaces should be treated with particular care when coming into contact with substances such as alcohol, vinegar, lemon (citrus fruits), as prolonged contact with these substances may damage the surface and cause visible discolouring. Do not subject wooden surfaces to the effects of chemical substances, such as petrol, solvents or strong cosmetics (e.g. hair dye, nail polish removers). Wooden surfaces should be protected against the effects of high temperatures (more than 50 deg. C). Do not place hot items, such as glasses or plates, onto oiled and varnished wooden surfaces. To prevent local discolourings and damage to the surface, use of soft mats or coasters made out of materials which will not cause discolourings is recommended.



"Avoid abrasive particles and sharp edges" - take care when using wooden furniture

and that finished with natural wood veneers As varnished wooden surfaces are at risk of scratching by small abrasive particles (e.g. sand, sugar), before cleaning, vacuum the surfaces and wipe using a clean soft cloth, and do not use substances with abrasive particles when cleaning.

Varnished and oiled wooden furniture and that covered with veneers and facing boards is at risk from coming into contact with hard and sharp items and edges which can scratch and dent the surface of the furniture. (E.g. decorative elements or hand writing). Please take special care when contact with such items is unavoidable and use table mats which will not cause discolouring.

"Care for furniture made out of beautiful wood" - Cleaning and maintenance wood or covered with wooden cladding such as veneer and facing boards, both varnished as well as oiled should be cleaned using a slightly damp, soft and clean cloth. Use generally available wood care products for maintenance, appropriate for varnished and oiled surfaces. Follow products' manufacturer instructions.

Regular maintenance of oiled surfaces, both oiled solid wood as well as oiled veneer and facing boards should be carried out using substances for oiled furniture in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

"Natural wood is unique!" - colour and grain The qualities of natural wood such as oak or walnut for example are seen in their amazing species specific patterns, unique colours and grain. The harvested raw material in the form of solid wood or wooden veneers is unique and is shaped by the conditions in which the tree grew.

We have to remember that the beauty of this raw material lies in its non-uniformity, the natural colour differences, spots, unique grain and knots. There may even be differences in top class raw materials, each batch is unique, "nothing happens twice".

That is a characteristic property and adds to the unquestionable charm exuded by wood, which through its uniqueness puts plastic imitations to shame.

Over time the colour of wooden surfaces naturally changes under the influence of factors such as light and humidity.

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