

# RECOMMENDATIONS OF CARE AND MAINTENANCE

## Lacquered wood and board furniture

Cleaning with a slightly damp soft cloth, preferably following the direction of the wood grain. Remove liquids that may stain the surface. The lacquer forms an insulating layer on the wood, so the oils do not help much, on the contrary, it is regularly sought to remove the fingerprint marks, you can use a little soap or degreaser for this purpose, cleaning it with the damp cloth at the end. Some commercial dust repellent products can be used as well. Avoid exposing the furniture to the sun.

For corrective maintenance, it is advisable to share with the professional the technical information that Itekniã shares regarding the type of lacquer used.

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## Wooden furniture with wax or oil

Cleaning with a slightly damp soft cloth, preferably following the direction of the wood grain. It is recommended once a week to add a little wood oil when cleaning.

Quarterly apply oil for wood throughout the furniture to prevent dryness, a wood when it dries out suffers damage and releases its assemblies and glues, irreparably damaging itself.

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## Upholstered furniture

In textiles, vacuuming is the best option for basic maintenance. If you are looking for a deeper cleaning, you can apply soapy water with a cloth, then a damp cloth and finally a dry cloth. Always use white cloths that do not stain your furniture. Always take care not to soak, just moisten superficially.

In case you need to use a washing machine, never use hot water or air. Close the zipper before putting the cushions in the washing or drying machine.

For leather or vinyl, clean with a damp or soapy cloth, always drying immediately with a cloth. Remember to use white cloths.

The sun strongly damages textiles that are not special for that use, keep them away from direct exposure.

In the case of 100% acrylic fabric such as the Sunbrella brand, which is special for exteriors, it is recommended to clean it with soapy water with a soft cloth, rinse with a damp cloth and use a dry cloth at the end (always white). Although it is not recommended, but in the case of using a pressurized water machine or washing machine, do not use hot water or air. Sunbrella fabric is recommended to periodically apply 303 Fabric Guard™ to renew the repellency of the fabric. *Never use chlorine.*

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### **Metal furniture or with metal parts.**

Even special metals can present oxidation in welding or by impregnation, regular cleaning avoids this effect. As standard, Itekna uses 304 stainless steel or aluminum, finished with electrostatic powder or automotive enamel. In case of scratches it can be touched up with metal enamel paint.

Normal cleaning with a damp cloth. *Do not use chlorine or solvents.*

### **Cushions**

The seat and back cushions of armchairs, sunbeds or outdoor benches are made of high-density polyurethane foam according to their use. Over time the foam cells will collapse and the seat will soften although it will lose its elasticity or ability to bounce back from compression. In addition, delcron wrappers will lose some of their initial density over time, which can contribute to flattening and wrinkling of the cushion. This is normal.

You can prolong the life of your cushions and keep them looking fresh by turning and rotating them regularly. It is recommended to only remove the inner cover of the cushions for cleaning when strictly necessary, as it has the function of preserving the foam covering as well as possible. When washing parts with a zipper, remember to close it.

### **Furniture with Marble or Granite**

Marbles and granites can be finished in glossy or matt polished, leather or honed, in any case a sealer is applied to them that helps reduce the penetration of liquids. Regular cleaning with a damp cloth is recommended and annually apply stone sealant, particularly in marble, which due to its veins and porosity are more prone to staining. Sometimes at Itekna we also use quarry or concrete, applying the same care mentioned above.

### **Furniture with logs or wooden beams**

Due to the fact that the logs or wooden beams are dried under the natural technique in the air, it is not possible to guarantee the extinction of pests, in addition to being more porous, presenting areas with sapwood, they are attractive prey for pests, so in addition to recommend the regular application of oil, it is advisable to use a pesticide for wood every 3 or 6 months.

### **Curtains**

In aluminum rails for curtains in traditional or ripple fold systems, whether manual or motorized, it is recommended to apply silicone lubricant annually.

At Itekna we only use Flexiret plastic hooks that eliminate the problem of oxidation. Review and replace your trolleys annually, they are the mechanical part that most often fails, a timely change will multiply the life of the curtain rod and its smooth operation.

Blackout curtains are not recommended to be washed, however in many hotels they do, which causes some damage to the material presenting small perforations, which can be repaired by applying thermatron white epoxy adhesive. Remember that the correct use of curtain rods is to push them, not pull them.