

Tropitone Product Care

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TEAK

The beauty of teak is two-fold: its natural elegance and its carefree durability. Whether your teak furniture finds its way to the garden, deck, patio, or poolside, simply sit back, relax and enjoy teak's gracious response to the elements. Outdoors, the rich, warm glow of new teak softens over several seasons to the hallmark silvery gray of aged teak. This sign of "age" in your teak furniture is actually a testament to its ability to endure whatever Mother Nature dishes out, as the cured outer surface creates a valuable layer of protection for the oil-rich hardwood. Tropitone Furniture uses only the finest straight grained teak and requires minimal maintenance. General cleaning with soap and water once a year is recommended.

CAST ALUMINUM

The Tropitone Cast Collection represents the finest in handcrafted, heirloom quality, casual furniture. From the original woodcarvings, to the hand-poured molten aluminum, to the meticulous grinding and polishing, the pride of craftsmanship is evident in every joint and detail. The all-aluminum frame is hand-welded and finished with a durable powder coating.

FINISHES

Cleaning and Protecting

For all textured finishes, a mild soap and warm water wash is recommended.

Repairing Scratches and Scrapes in Finish:

Touch-up paint to match your frame color is available directly from your Tropitone Dealer. Before beginning any touch-up procedure, always wash the marred area first to remove any dirt or grease, then lightly sand the edges around the scratch so that the touch-up paint will blend in easily.

Spray Cans for Touching Up Textured Finishes

Hold spray can 8 - 10 inches away from surface to be touched up. Do not try to get full coverage with the first coat. Spray a thin coat and let dry. Spray a second coat and let dry. Continue applying until desired coverage is achieved. Trying to get full coverage in the first coat may result in a glossy surface. Should this happen, dull with a light (thin) "dusting" coat applied after the offending glossy coat has dried.

Small Nicks - Spray touch-up paint onto a flat plate or dish. Then use a small artist's brush to transfer the paint from the plate to the furniture. Texture can be enhanced with a clean, dry brush after the paint becomes tacky.

Scratches - Spray touch-up paint directly onto the furniture, heavy enough to cover the blemish. Wait 3 - 5 minutes for the paint to become tacky. Note: A dry cloth will pick up too much paint. Make sure your cloth is lint free.

For Scrapes Down to Bare Metal - Spray touch-up paint directly onto furniture heavy enough to cover the blemish. Then, sprinkle fine grain silicone sand on the wet paint. Re-coat with a light spray after the first coat dries.

When applying touch-up paint, it's better to use many light coats rather than just one heavy coat as the solvents in the spray paint may cause the surrounding finish to loosen and wrinkle.

Storage hint - Always store touch-up spray cans "upside down" as the nozzles are less likely to clog this way.

Touching up Cast "Weathered" and "Antiqued" Finishes -

First, follow the above procedure and allow the undercoat to dry. Then, using a cotton swab, lightly apply the supplied glaze color from your touch-up-kit. Blend-in with a soft cloth and allow to dry. If possible, experiment first on a hidden area of the frame.

FRAMES

For Cast Aluminum Products - All dining tables have a leveling glide on one leg, which can be adjusted so the table will sit level. For all seating pieces and side tables: If there is serious unevenness that cannot be corrected by switching the chair with another chair on the floor, contact your Tropitone Dealer about obtaining a replacement.

FABRICS

General Information - Note: Do not use bleach unless specifically listed as a cleaning agent for your specific fabric. The life of your fabric largely depends on its care and use. Certain suntan and sun block products may permanently discolor any fabric. This possibility can be minimized by immediately cleaning after contact. It is important to clean your fabric regularly. In addition, storing your cushions when not in use, or using furniture covers will extend their life. Also, fabric life can be extended by simply hosing down your furniture regularly with water. Hint: Cushions dry faster if they are allowed to stand on their sides while drying.

100 Series - Vinyls for Cast Seats.

Spot wash with a lukewarm (no warmer than 100 degrees) solution of mild liquid soap and water. Rub briskly with a rough cloth or soft bristle brush. Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove soap. Allow to air dry. Do not use bleach, harsh detergents or stiff bristle brushes on the 100 Series vinyl materials.

1000, 2000 Series - Vinyl Coated Polyester Weaves

Soil, Suntan Oil and Lotions: Promptly remove with solution of 1 cup of liquid detergent-water solution.

Oils and grease: Spot treat with bleach and rubbing alcohol.

Mildew: Treat with warm water, detergent and bleach mixture indicated above.

Berry Juices, Wine and Blood: Use strong liquid detergent, warm water and ammonia.

Always rinse thoroughly after applying any cleaning product.

3000 Series - 100% Polyester Prints &

8000 Series - 100% Acrylic/Olefin Blends

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Note: These fabrics are not recommended for poolside applications.

3500 Series - Polyester/Olefin Blends and Acrylic/Olefin Blends

Clean spills as soon as possible. If a spot remains, use a mild detergent to water solution. Occasionally, add 1 cup of household bleach to the detergent-water solution. Rinse entire cushion or umbrella with water. Air dry.

Baby Oil, Beer, Orange Juice and Coffee: Apply hot water and detergent. Rinse the entire piece thoroughly. If necessary, apply a laundry pre-wash, leave on for 10 minute's, and then reapply hot water and detergent. Rinse thoroughly.

Blood Stains: Apply protein or enzyme spotter.

Oil and Suntan Lotion: Apply a volatile-type paint remover or 100% mineral spirits to stain.

Ink, Marker or Mascara: Apply Grain or Wood Alcohol to stain.

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For stubborn stains and suntan lotions, we recommend "Spic & Span" or a fine fabric cleaner. Use full strength and apply vigorously with a sponge or clean cloth. Sponge thoroughly with clean water. Allow to air dry.

Note: 100% acrylic fabric is heat sensitive. Do not use heat, hot water or bleach.

5000 Series - Acrylic/PVC Blends

Spot wash by sponging briskly with a lukewarm solution of mild liquid soap and water. Sponge thoroughly to remove soap and then air dry. For suntan lotion, use fine fabric cleaner. Do not use Pine Oil cleaners or abrasive household cleaners.

EXTRUDED ALUMINUM

All Tropitone extruded aluminum frames feature a fully welded, all aluminum frame construction. We use full circumference welding since it is the strongest way to join two pieces of aluminum.

FINISHES

Cleaning and Protecting

Most stains can be removed with a mild soap or detergent. Avoid using abrasive cleaners. For non-textured gloss finishes only, we recommend periodic waxing of the frame with an automotive paste wax or the use of a commercially available protectant to help restore the luster of your finish. Protectants can be purchased at most casual furniture retailers.

For textured finishes, a mild soap and warm water wash is recommended.

Cleaning Table Tops

Acrylic: Avoid build-up of grease and stains by washing periodically with a mild soap or detergent. Do not use window cleaner or products containing ammonia or solvents on acrylic tops. The use of a commercially available protectant will help remove and prevent oxidation. Occasional use of an automotive paste wax will help keep your acrylic table looking new. Never put plastic covers over acrylic tabletops. The resulting heat accumulation may cause the acrylic to bow.

Glass: Use glass cleaner with ammonia

Faux Stone: When needed, clean with a solution of mild detergent and water. Occasional use of mild abrasive cleaner will release embedded dirt. Rinse thoroughly with clean water

Fiberglass: Use a glass cleaner with ammonia.

Repairing Scratches and Scrapes in Finish

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Touching up non-textured gloss finishes

Sand lightly with 400 to 600 grit wet or dry sandpaper and then clean the area with rubbing alcohol. Apply paint with short light sprays until covered. Be sure to avoid "over-spraying" onto adjacent areas.

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Tropitone Wire Frame Metal Umbrellas

General Maintenance

Always close the umbrella in its stand when not in use or in windy weather. This will protect it against damage from inclement weather or high winds. If the umbrella becomes wet, open it for a complete airing and make certain that it is thoroughly dry before closing again.

Storage

Always dry the umbrella completely before storing and fold carefully to avoid wrinkling the fabric. Protect it with a cover and lay on a hard, flat surface in a well-ventilated location.

Metal Frame & Pole

Occasional lubrication of the moving parts, using WD-40 or a similar product, is recommended. For the ribs, use Petroleum Jelly or a comparable lubricant. If oxidation occurs, you may rub down the affected area with steel wool and follow up with a protective lubricant.

Umbrella Fabric

Follow the instructions given in the Fabric Care & Cleaning section

Contact your Tropitone Dealer for additional fabric care information.

FRAMES

If a frame sits unevenly - First, check that the glides (nylon feet) are properly seated and not worn. If your chair or small table legs sit unevenly on a flat floor, correct this by determining the "long" leg. Begin adjustment by placing a small block of wood on the floor. Now, lift the chair and firmly bring it down so that "long" leg strikes the wood. This should shorten the longer leg.

WINTER STORAGE

If you live in an area that experiences freezing conditions, store your Tropitone furniture right side up in a dry, protected place. Do not store frames upside down. Water could collect inside the frame tubing, and if exposed to freezing

temperatures, this water could freeze causing the frame tubing to crack or burst.

FRAME STACKING

We recommend that when moving or storing any stacking furniture it be stacked no more than specific recommended stack heights for safety and to reduce the potential from rubbing, wear or marring of the frame finishes. Caution: Do not sit on any furniture that is already stacked.

STRAPS, LACING & EZ-SPAN SEGMENTS

Cleaning and Protecting

Just like the frame, vinyl strapping should be cleaned frequently with mild soap and water. In areas with high concentrations of acid rain, fog and/or smog, vinyl should be cleaned monthly with a water and ammonia mixture. (Use three parts water to one part ammonia.) If you own furniture with woven straps or lacing, be sure to lift and clean beneath the strap or lace intersections. Avoid abrasive cleaners. The use of commercial casual furniture cleaners will help lift embedded dirt and oil. Such cleaners are available at leading casual furniture dealers. We also recommend periodic waxing of the straps with an automotive paste wax.

Caution: Certain suntan and sun block products contain "Paba". Paba is harmful to vinyl and can permanently discolor it; therefore, contact with vinyl straps or lacing should be avoided. If contact is made, cleaning the vinyl immediately with a non-abrasive, mild soap and water solution followed by a fresh water rinse may minimize the possibility of discoloration. Laying a beach towel over the vinyl straps whenever you are using the furniture will prolong the vinyl's life.

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Mildew

Mildew often forms on dirty surfaces. However, regular cleaning will help to prevent its forming. If mildew stains should develop on non-printed vinyl coated polyester fabric, prepare a mild chlorine bleach and soapy water solution as follows: 1 cup bleach per gallon of water and 2 capfuls mild liquid detergent (Joy, Dawn, Ivory Liquid). Spray on the entire area and allow to soak in. Rinse

thoroughly. Repeat if necessary. An alternative method to removing mildew would be to use either "X-14" or another household mildew remover. Follow directions on labels.

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Replacing Cushions:

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BASTA SOLE MARKET UMBRELLAS

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Market Umbrella Wooden Pole & Frame

Our market umbrella's simplicity of design requires little more than the General Maintenance and Storage instructions above. Any accidental scrapes or scratches on you wooden pole may be touched up a matching wood stain and covered with marine spar varnish.

Umbrella Fabric

Follow the instructions given in the Fabric Care & Cleaning section.