



arcamita
Furniture care

Extend the life of your new furniture

Product maintenance

We hope you will enjoy your new Arcamita product

In order to keep quality furniture in excellent condition while it is being used, we recommend that you to read this brochure before putting the product into use.

Our products are designed with consideration to the home environment. We strive to exceed the strictest building standards requirements, including those for air quality. We use raw materials from renewable sources and look for environmentally sensitive ways for transportation and logistics. We continually seek to avoid and reduce harmful emissions and waste, and to increase recycling.

The Arcamita collection is designed and manufactured by skilled craftsmen, their attention to detail sets us apart. We use hand selected materials with excellent durability, all of this guarantees to our customers that arcamita furniture is of the highest quality and will provide lasting value.

When you see your furniture for the first time

This product left our factory as dust free as possible. In order to remove any possible dust or finishing marks, we advise you to clean this piece of furniture with a moist leather (if necessary with soapy water) before starting to use it. If it is being placed on a recently cleaned carpet, the carpet must be completely dry and it is recommended to thoroughly clean the bottom of the legs.

Wood furniture

Due to its varied properties, wood always has been the material of choice for furniture around the world. Each tree is an individual, a piece of nature which, after being felled, keeps its own character in its strength, structure and sensitivity to light and moisture. Knots are not faults but the natural consequence of branches. Each wood surface is a natural reflection of the specific tree from which the product has been made. Therefore every product will differ from the product you saw in our showroom or at your Arcamita dealer.

This brochure contains advice on furniture care, but on a daily basis the following simple guidelines should be followed:

1. Moisture is the worst enemy of all wood furniture, so all spilt liquid should be wiped away at once. When cleaning, water should be used only in small quantities — preferably just a damp cloth — and it should always be wiped off with a dry cloth. This also applies to the use of cleaning solutions. Changes in the relative humidity occur with the seasons and can cause solid wood table tops to warp or become slightly marked.
2. Table tops should always be protected against heat, and also against wet or painted objects (ie. pans, flower pots and candles). Always protect the surface when using sharp tools.
3. Never place furniture directly against a heater or radiator.
4. Furniture made for indoor use should never be used outdoors. In order to maintain the colour of the wood, direct sunlight should be avoided as much as possible.

Under the influence of sunlight, over time, wood will adopt its final colour. In order to avoid differences in colour between the table top and extension leaves, you must place the extension leaves for several months in daylight too, later you can store them away.

Solid wood

Arcamita solid wood furniture is composed of high quality solid wooden planks of different lengths. The furniture can be finished with a choice of standard transparent lacquer, matte natural lacquer or with oil. Natural characteristics of the wood, such as knots, deformations, black spots, etc. are unavoidable. However, open defects should not be visible (but are allowed on the underside of the table-top for example). Solid wood is extremely sensitive towards fluctuations in temperature and humidity of the air. The wood can then start to 'work' — little cracks will be unavoidable in the course of time. A constant temperature of the environment and a constant relative humidity of the air are therefore essential.

The finishing of the wood

We only use the best finishing for our furniture, which meet the highest quality requirements. Nevertheless, don't take any risk. Put table mats under hard or hot objects. Remove moist spots as soon as possible, especially alcohol or warm liquids. After 2 months, the finish reaches its maximum hardness. During this period of hardening it is advisable to treat your table with extra care. Therefore, don't put heavy weights on the table during this period and only clean it with a moist cloth or some soapy water.

You can choose between three types of finishing: the standard finish, the matte natural finish or oil. All finishes offer excellent protection of the wood. Optically, the standard type of finish gives the wood a light gloss,

whereas the matte natural finish has an exceptionally matte and natural look. Besides this natural look, this finish also has excellent qualities as to resisting scratches and also protects well against chemicals for household purposes and solvents such as benzine for cleaning purposes and white spirit. The above mentioned natural look is, amongst others, caused by a more open structure of this finish. There is a chance, however, that liquids, such as coffee, tea and red wine, when remaining on the surface for a long time, will penetrate into this open structure of the finish. It is best if spills are cleaned up immediately.

Lacquered surfaces

Everyday cleaning:

wipe with a clean, dry cloth, or with a cloth well wrung out in clean water and then after with a clean, dry cloth. Dirty surfaces can be wiped with a cloth well wrung out in soap solution or in water with dish washing liquid in it and then with a clean, dry cloth. Scuff marks on chair and table legs are most easily removed with benzine. *Caution: flammable. Provide adequate ventilation.*

Thorough cleaning:

a range of cleaning agents are available for both Standard and matte lacquered finishes on various types of wood. Products meant for dark woods can cause changes in the lustre and colour of light woods and vice versa. Products containing silicone are moisture and dirt resistant, but they can penetrate the surface and hinder future lacquering. Sanding of lacquered surfaces should always be left to an expert. Always follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer of the cleaning agent.

Surfaces treated with oil

Arcamita furniture can be treated with a high quality oil. This oil is composed of natural elements. The oil

cleans, nurtures and protects the wood. In order to preserve the warm, natural glow of wood and to protect the wood against the penetration of liquids, the furniture has to be regularly treated with oil. For this purpose we have already enclosed a bottle of oil (apply a thin coat onto a dry, clean table, spread the oil across the surface and then gently rub with a dry cloth). You can also use a good quality teak oil.

Everyday cleaning:

wipe with a clean, dry cotton cloth. More stubborn marks can be removed by wiping first with a cloth well wrung out in soap solution or in water with dish washing liquid in it and then after with a clean dry cloth. For stubborn stains use a mixture of one part paraffin oil to two parts white spirit, and wipe off with a soft, dry cloth.

Thorough cleaning:

Thin layers of teak oil or rosewood oil can be removed with white spirit. *Caution: flammable. Provide adequate ventilation.* When dry, a thin coat of drying oil, ie. teak oil, should be applied. If necessary lightly sand the surface along the grain in the wet oil, using No. 320 or 360 grade sandpaper. Fine ScotchBrite can also be used. Wipe off thoroughly with a clean, dry cloth. *Caution! Cloths soaked in teak oil or rosewood oil are liable to spontaneous combustion. They should either be soaked in water, wrapped in aluminium foil and disposed of, or put in an airtight container. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.*

Furniture treated with wax

Everyday cleaning:

Wipe with a clean, dry cloth. A damp cloth should never be used. Spills must be wiped off immediately.

Thorough cleaning:

Stains made by liquids can only be removed when the surface is completely dry. The surface should be thoroughly cleaned with white spirit. *Caution, flammable. Provide adequate ventilation.* If the wood fibres tend to lift, they can be sanded down in the direction of the grain using No 180 or 220 grade sandpaper. Steel wool should never be used. When dry, apply a thin coat of furniture wax. After 15 minutes polish off with a piece of sackcloth. If necessary the surface can be brushed along the grain. Always follow the instructions provided by the manufacturer of the wax.

Construction

Some of our products have removable parts; should there arise some gaps in the joints, because of dryness or use, then tighten the bolts of the construction.

Metal furniture

The most common metals used in furniture production today are aluminium and chromium plated, lacquered or stainless steel. These surfaces have good resistance to dirt as well as to liquids, but water can stain aluminium and stainless steel and cause damaged chromium plated or lacquered steel surfaces to rust.

Everyday cleaning:

Wipe with a cloth well wrung out in water, to which soap flakes or washing liquid has been added.

Thorough cleaning:

Aluminium, chromium plated and stainless steel can be cleaned with a cloth moistened with methylated spirits. Solvents should never be used on lacquered metal.

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