

Like all commercial goods, Street Furniture Australia's products need to be maintained. A periodic maintenance program (for cleaning, inspection, touch up and repair), based on the material and environment, helps maintain appearance and extend product life. Please note that maintenance needs to be more frequent in more aggressive environments.

1. Oil Finished Hardwood

EXTERNAL

Clean using a gentle detergent and warm water. Wipe down with a clean, damp cloth and allow to dry.

To extend the oiled colour and appearance, reapply oil after the first 3 months, and every 6-12 months thereafter as soon as the timber shows signs of weathering or when the surface does not bead with water.

How to reapply oil

Ensure a clean working environment prior to oiling. All surfaces should be free from mould, wax, grease, harsh chemicals, oil or dirt.

Clean surfaces thoroughly with mineral turpentine away from drains. Soak all used cloths in water after use as they self-ignite. If mould is present, remove as much as possible by scraping or brushing. Clean remaining area with household bleach and water.

Recoating is best done in warm weather. Application should not be carried out if the air temperature is below 10°C (50°F) or above 35°C (95°F). The temperature must not fall below 10°C (50°F) during the drying process. Do not apply when rain or dew is likely within 16 hours.

Wash the surface down to remove dust and dirt. Allow to dry. Apply one or two coats of Watty! Weathergard™ Decking Oil Transparent. Apply with a clean, oil damp cloth and wear protective gear. Do not use a water-based stain because it is not compatible with the exterior oil.

If the surface of the oiled timber has seriously degraded, as evidenced by greying and checking, a light sanding is recommended to freshen up the timber. Watty! Weathergard™ Decking Oil Transparent may be obtained from leading hardware stores or from the manufacturer.

INTERNAL

Occasional cleaning is required using a good-quality furniture polish.

2. Painted Hardwood

EXTERNAL

Regular maintenance should be carried out at a minimum of six monthly intervals, and any repairs to the coating (namely a break in the coating) should be made immediately.

Maintenance consists of cleaning down with a mild detergent in warm water using a cloth or sponge, rinsing off with clean water, and then a visual inspection to check the integrity of the coating. Any breaks or openings in the coating need to be repaired.

Repairs would require cutting back through the coating to the raw timber using a medium abrasive paper (120 grit), providing a smooth surface by sanding with fine abrasive paper (240 grit), and recoating with a compatible coating system. The coating system used is Acrathane IF by Dulux.

INTERNAL

Maintenance, repairs and restoration are the same as for external timber.

3. Clear Finished Hardwood

EXTERNAL

Clear finish is not suitable for external use.

INTERNAL

Regular maintenance should be carried out at a minimum of six monthly intervals, and any repairs to the coating (namely a break in the coating) must be made immediately.

Maintenance consists of cleaning down with mild detergent in warm water using a cloth / sponge, rinsing off with clean water and then a visual inspection to check the integrity of the coating. Any wearing of the surface (as evidenced by a change in gloss level) and any breaks or openings in the coating, which would reduce the effective cover over the timber, would need to be repaired.

Repairs would require cutting back through the coating to the raw timber using a medium abrasive paper (120 grit), providing a smooth surface by sanding with fine abrasive paper (240 grit), and recoating with a compatible clear coating system.

Restoration of finish would require cutting back the gloss of the clear coating with fine abrasive paper (240 grit),

and recoating with a clear coating system compatible with Mirobild 832/60 by Mirotone. Minor dulling or scuffing of finish can usually be revived by polishing. Furniture or automotive polish (non-cutting) can be used to restore the surface.

4. Anodised Aluminium

Wash using a solution of warm water and mild detergent. Surfaces should be thoroughly rinsed after cleaning to remove all residues. All surfaces should be cleaned using a soft cloth, sponge or a soft natural bristle brush.

The use of bore water for cleaning is not recommended due to its mineral content which can bring about staining of the coating and may instigate long term coating failure.

Although anodised aluminium provides excellent resistance to corrosion, discolouration and wear, the material can still be damaged by chemicals, rough conditions and neglect.

Minor scuff marks may be removed using a hard, abrasive eraser.

5. Powder Coated Metals

External surfaces, including the underside and sheltered areas, should be washed down regularly, especially in corrosive conditions (eg. salt or chemical deposits).

Powder coated surfaces that have become dull through prolonged exposure to sunlight can usually be revived by polishing. Automotive polish (non-cutting) can be used to restore a surface that has become scratched or abraded.

6. Polished Metals

Clean as needed using a soft cloth or brush with a mild detergent. Avoid steam cleaning, abrasive cleansers, carbon steel brushes/wools and cleaners containing chlorine. Stainless steel cleaners may be used on stainless furniture to remove stubborn stains.

A natural patina of minor scratches will always occur on highly polished surfaces. However, should minor repolishing be required, use metal polishing liquids such as Brasso. Deeper scratches and damage can sometimes be ground out and repolished, but this should be done professionally.

7. Unpolished Metals

Externally, unpolished and brushed metals, will weather naturally. If required, these surfaces may be cleaned using a stiff bristle brush, mild detergent and warm water, with a clean water rinse.

Minor damage and scratches can generally be restored by hand using Scotch-Brite pad or stiff, non-ferrous wire brush.

Internally, unpolished metals tend to pick up grime. These surfaces should be cleaned and restored in similar manner to that recommended for external use.

8. Vista Wood Plastic Composite

No special Vista maintenance is required other than regular cleaning with mild detergent, clean water rinse and wipe down.

9. Replacement Parts

Spare parts are available to purchase by contacting spareparts@streetfurniture.com

10. Fixings

Bolts should be periodically checked and tightened as necessary. Bolts should be tightened to "finger tight plus 45 degrees", after positioning. Check and tighten bolts at week one, week four and month three after positioning; then check and tighten bolts at a maximum of three monthly periods, depending upon usage and any assessed risk.

Screwed on battens and other fixed parts should be manually and visually checked for integrity at a maximum of three monthly periods.

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