



Oak finished in white or clear varnish

Ensuring a long product life

Weather and wind mean that all wood kept outdoors is exposed to large variations in moisture. Rain and air contain dirt particles that both wear and coat outdoor furniture. During the summer, protect your furniture from precipitation when not in use. If you cannot protect your furniture from the rain, tilt it so that the rainwater will run off. This will help extend the life of your furniture. If the wood is untreated or has damaged paint/varnish, it will absorb moisture, swelling and shrinking alternately, resulting in cracks. Here, we offer advice on how to best maintain your furniture.

Wooden components

Finished surfaces can handle about five seasons outdoors, although they may of course last longer. It all depends on where they are placed (under the eaves of a roof, adjacent to a forest or the sea, etc.) and how well they are cared for. It is important to clean your furniture. The more often you clean it, the longer the finish will last. Clean your furniture with a sponge or a cloth and soapy water. Use a scrubbing sponge if necessary (such as a green Scotch-Brite™). Rinse with water. Following heavy rain, it can be a good idea to wipe down your furniture, as any water left on the surfaces will wear the finish. Regularly check the finish for damage and wear. If it is damaged, sandpaper the surface and apply a new coat of varnish/paint intended for outdoor use (such as boat varnish/window paint). When buying a furniture group (finished in white), the table comes with a touch-up pen. This can be used to repair any initial minor damage. Our white paint has the colour number NCS 0502Y. Never use a pressure washer to clean your furniture as you risk damaging the surface layer.

Winter storage

Clean your furniture ready for the winter. Leave it to dry thoroughly. Check for any damage to the finish and repair as necessary. If the chairs are stacked, remember to place something between them to protect the wood. The best winter storage option is an unheated storeroom that is cool, dry and well ventilated. Another alternative is to use a furniture cover (or tarpaulin), a canopy or something similar. If you use a furniture cover, be sure not to let it rest directly against any wooden surfaces as the air should be able to circulate between the furniture cover and the wooden surfaces.

Bases

Hot-galvanized bases offer long-term corrosion protection and need no maintenance other than regular cleaning. Hot-galvanizing produces a slightly mottled grey finish that can vary in nuance depending on the properties of the material. Such variations will even out over time. Bases eventually transition from a shiny to a matt finish. Products made of steel tubing will always be somewhat shinier than products made of solid steel due to the slightly different properties of the materials. Any minor damage to hot-galvanized products will generally heal itself.

Powder-coated bases undergo multi-stage surface treatments, so maintenance is only needed if the paint is worn or damaged. Check for any damage and repair as necessary. Maintenance entails sanding and painting with a metal paint for outdoor use. Naturally, regular cleaning is also a good idea. Use a damp cloth to remove any dirt. Do not use solvents or cleaning agents containing abrasives.

Electroplated bases (Brewery series up to 2019) have a thinner layer of zinc than hot-galvanized bases. Any damage is repaired with a cold galvanizing paint. Electroplated products should be avoided in aggressive coastal environments, as salt water can shorten the product's lifetime.