

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON TIMELESS PIECES

MAINTENANCE AND CARE



Furniture from Sibast Furniture is designed and manufactured to last for generations. It is made with the same attention to detail, craftsmanship and high quality as our ancestors. To ensure it ages gracefully and with the longest lifespan, it is important that it is properly maintained and cared for as recommended here.

All furniture included in the Sibast Furniture collection is made out of natural material such as wood, fabric and leather. This means that differences will occur in both finishes and material and that natural markings in the leather hides as well as natural variations in the surface of the wood and the colour of the finishes must be expected and appreciated.

WOOD

SOAP-TREATMENT

Soap-treated furniture must be maintained and cared for regularly. Ideally and to obtain the best result we recommend that you treat your Sibast chairs or tables with soap even before you start to use it. This will make the surface of the furniture stronger, improve the durability of the wood and make it more resistant. Then hereafter we recommend you to repeat and continue the soap maintenance every 4-6 weeks depending on the use of the furniture. Regular soap treatment is recommended, as it will improve the woods natural durability.

It is important that when treating the furniture with soap, the soap mixture must not be too strong or concentrated, as the soap can react with the tannin in the wood and turn it into a darker colour.

To purchase soap mixture and sanding sponges please contact the nearest Sibast Furniture dealer.

For everyday care, use a clean soft cloth soaked in luke warm water and tightly wrung.

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- 1) Start by lightly sanding the surface of the chair or table with a sanding sponge or very fine sandpaper in the direction of the wood grains. We recommend using no more than sponge grade 180 or sanding paper grain 240. After sanding, wipe the furniture with a clean, dry cloth to remove residual dust.
- 2) Shake the mixture of soap well before use and apply the soap with a dry cloth or sponge in the direction of the wood grains.
- 3) Be sure to apply the soap on all surfaces and edges of the furniture pieces to prevent uneven drying. Uneven drying and uneven moisture exposure to the wood can result in cracks and warping of the furniture. Especially tables are important to treat both underneath/underside the top as well as on the table top and all edges and legs to prevent damage and cracks. During the dry winter season, crosscut edge ends should be treated more frequently to avoid drying out and cracking.
- 4) Wait for 10 minutes for the soap to dry in.
- 5) Use a clean sponge or cloth soaked in hot water and tightly wrung to remove any excess soap. Hereafter allow the furniture piece to dry.
- 6) It is possible that the wood fibres rise slightly after the first few soap treatments. If so, use a sanding sponge or fine sandpaper to rub down in the direction of the wood grains the entire piece of furniture. We recommend using no more than sponge grade 180 or sanding paper grain 240. After sanding, the furniture must be given a second soap treatment.

NOTICE: Never apply oil, wax or lacquer of any kind to soap treated furniture. Do not use any types of chemicals, cleaning agents or steel wool on the furniture.

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WOOL

Maintaining and cleaning your upholstered furniture by Sibast is important to prolong its lifetime as well as its appearance. Dust and dirt wears down the upholstery textile and can cause it to change colour as well as reduces its fire resistance if not removed.

We recommend that you vacuum upholstered furniture frequently, ideally every week. Be aware not to use excessive force when vacuuming the upholstery, as it can damage the textile and cause loss of colour. Do use a soft brush and/or vacuum at half power where appropriate.

STAIN REMOVAL

If you are unlucky, it is important to remove the stain immediately. If you act quickly, it is not difficult to remove spills and prevent stains from forming. However, we cannot guarantee complete stain removal. First, scrape off any liquids or hardened residues with a spoon or a scoop before you proceed. Any loose particles must be vacuum cleaned before further cleaning. Liquids must be soaked up with an absorbent napkin or cloth.

Remove non-greasy stains by carefully dabbing with a lint free cloth or sponge wrung out in warm water. Edge marks can be avoided by dabbing gently in circular motions towards the centre of the stain with a clean lint-free cloth. Remove greasy stains by using appropriate detergents or solvents. In all cases, we recommend to test stain-removal agents on an inconspicuous area first, to see if there is any effect on the cover.

Be careful when using solvents; these could dissolve the upholstery materials beneath. Never use un-concentrated detergents or bleach, ammonia or soap intended for hard surfaces. Make sure to dry the fabric fully before use.

NOTICE Do not use excessive force or rub hard, as this will damage the textile and cause loss of colour.

CLEANING

It is usually recommended that upholstered furniture with normal commercial use should be cleaned 2–3 times a year. Upholsteries in private households usually need less frequent cleaning.

Textiles made from cotton are often impregnated. However, the treatment is not permanent and can be worn off during usage or cleaning. We therefore suggest re-impregnating the textile after cleaning. We do not recommend impregnation of woollen upholstery fabrics, as wool itself is dirt-repellent.

Regular maintenance and care removes dirt before it settles in the fabric and damages the fibres. Therefore appropriate maintenance and regular cleaning can prolong the textile's life cycle.

You are very welcome to contact your nearest Sibast Furniture dealer about the possibility of purchasing an impregnation product for home use. Remember to take careful note of the recommended application and to follow the instructions carefully.