



CARE INSTRUCTIONS GALVIN BROTHERS FURNITURE

FINISHES

The majority of our furniture is finished in the traditional fashion using hard wax oil that gives the timber a natural lustre and creates a microporous seal that allows the wood to breathe but also protects the furniture from everyday wear and tear, stains and spills.

For our furniture with a natural finish we use a clear matt hard wax oil that slightly deepens and enriches the natural colour tone of the timber whether it be oak or walnut. We also use a white tinted oil on oak and ash that highlights the grain with a subtle 'limed' finish that keeps the timber looking raw. For our 'school boy grey' furniture we use a grey tinted hard wax oil on oak, layered to create an opaque finish.

The black furniture in our collections is naturally ebonised using the traditional method of applying iron acetate solution to raw oak (a mixture of vinegar and iron filings), this again is finished with hard wax oil to seal and protect the timber.

All of our finishes are relatively forgiving and can be maintained and repaired quite easily.

DAILY CARE

Please note that the hard wax oil that we use continues to harden for up to 4 weeks after application. The nature of a particular species or batch of timber, the time of year and the atmosphere all play a part in this process, so particular care should be taken in the first weeks after delivery. We always recommend using coasters and table mats on table tops where appropriate.

For daily cleaning of Galvin Brothers furniture, use a clean damp cloth wiping the entire surface in the direction of the grain, taking care to remove excess moisture with a dry cloth. Be sure to immediately wipe off any spillages, particularly liquids that will stain such as red wine, vinegars, coffee etc.

Take care not to concentrate cleaning and wiping in small areas as this can make the surface appear patchy from over rubbing. We do NOT recommend the use of any detergents, spirits, furniture polishes or abrasive cleaners.

LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE

For the long-term maintenance of your Galvin Brothers furniture, we recommend the periodic reapplication of hard wax oil (every year or two), that helps to replenish the timber and restore lustre and allow for a build up of the microporous oils and waxes to increase stain resistance. Our care kit contains all of the things you'll need to do this.

1. Firstly, prepare the surface by wiping away any dust, oil or residue.
2. The surface may also be lightly sanded in the direction of the grain using a soft mesh abrasive pad (grey braid) or fine sand paper (180 - 240 grit) to remove scrapes or imperfections.
3. Apply the hard wax oil using a clean lint free cloth, taking care to apply thinly and evenly, working it swiftly into the timber and finally wiping in the direction of the grain. An egg cup full of oil should be enough to cover a dining table top.
4. Allow the surface to dry for 24 hours before use.

Please note that wood is a natural active material and may have dimensional changes depending upon moisture, temperature, humidity. Colour change occurs over time and cracking may occur in extremely dry environments. If this occurs, small cracks can be filled with wax.

DAMAGE AND REPAIRS

Occasionally spills may penetrate the oil or heat may cause the finish to be tarnishes and rough in patches. For small imperfections it is possible to sand out the mark and reapply a small amount of oil blending in at the edges. Lightly sand the area in the direction of the grain, be sure to extend the area which you sand a little way beyond the stain to avoid over working or 'cupping' the patch. Apply the oil as described above using a lint free cloth working firstly at the centre of the sanded area and smoothing out across the surrounding area, always in the direction of the grain.

If your furniture has had more wear and tear and has multiple patches, blemishes or stains lightly sand the entire surface in the direction of the grain using the fine sand paper or mesh abrasive pad (grey). Scratches can be sanded out using a rougher paper or an abrasive pad (red) if required and then finished smooth with fine sand paper. The surface can be treated with hard wax oil as described above.

For deep scratches, dents or heat stains we recommend professional repair and refinishing.

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