

## Ashton Lounge Set

**ACACIA WOOD:** When exposed to rain or a humid environment, the Acacia wood will expand. When exposed to sun or a dry air environment, it will contract. Exposure to these elements can cause minor cracks, chips, peels, or splinters in your Acacia furniture. This process is called warping and it is natural and unavoidable. However, with regular cleaning using a soft cloth and water, you can maintain your Acacia furniture and increase its use.

**MAINTENANCE OF ACACIA WOOD OAK WASH OIL FINISH:** For pieces of furniture which have been produced with a light brushed Oak wash finish, small scratches will blend into the existing finish. If you are unable to avoid a deep scratch in the surface of your furniture, you should visit a home improvement shop to buy a wood repair marker, or wood repair pencil. Find a color that best matches your piece of furniture, and follow the manufacturer's instructions to match the color of the wood in the scratch to the rest of the finish.

Do not sand down the piece of furniture. If you sand the furniture, you will sand off the top layers, exposing the lighter color underneath; damaging the furniture permanently. If you would like to restore the finish of an entire piece, please seek the help of a professional.

**COVERS:** We recommend buying protective covers that go on your furniture while outdoors. Ideally, you should store your furniture when not in use. However, if this is not possible, use waterproof covers that also block UV rays. Most covers are made of synthetic materials and come with adjustable straps and fasteners to hold them in place. Avoid covering the furniture with protective covers for long intervals, as this can cause mold or mildew to build up on the furniture.

**PROTECTIVE SURFACES:** Lastly, consider placing protective surfaces on the bottom of your furniture legs to keep your furniture looking its best and lasting longer. Acacia furniture is made of wood which can rot. Furniture legs are most vulnerable, as they rest on wet surfaces. To prevent rot from affecting your furniture, we recommend placing rubber caps on the bottom.

**STORAGE DURING WINTER:** Wood shrinks and expands in different temperatures. This is natural. The furniture is designed with a summer climate in mind. When storing the furniture, do not place in centrally heated rooms, as this will cause the wood to dry out and possibly shrink. Cool, well-ventilated sheds are the most suitable environment for the furniture.

Follow these care instructions and your furniture will provide years of use.