

Advice on how to take care of your new piece of varnished/lacquered wooden furniture from Cam Cam Copenhagen

Wood is a natural and living material that changes appearance with time. Take care of your varnished wooden furniture and follow the advice below to enjoy it for a long time to come.

Maturation

Exposure to light and way of use are factors that influence how quickly the wood matures and change in shade. Therefore it is important that the entire surface is evenly exposed to the light. If an object is placed on the surface more than a week fields that are brighter than the rest of the surface will occur. If the furniture has an extension, it can be wise to pull it out on a regular basis. It will then mature in the same rate as the rest of the furniture. The wood can shrink and swell depending on the surrounding temperature and humidity. This means that doors, drawers and additional extensions may vary in the way they fit and therefore you should regularly adjust screws and fittings. When the wood shrinks or swells, thin lacquer cracks can occur.

Assembly

- When assembling it is important that the product is assembled on a clean and soft surface to avoid damage.
- Be careful with the edges and corners, they can easily be damaged if bumped/nudged during assembly.
- Protect the surface as it is sensitive to scratches and bumps.
- Lift the product carefully after assembly.

Handling and Maintenance

- Never put the furniture on a wet surface.
- Fit the furniture with soft pads to prevent scratching the floor.
- The furniture should be used indoors only, unless stated as outdoor furniture.
- Periodically check the screws and fittings so they are properly tightened.
- Never place colored candles or any kind of tape on the furniture.
- Always protect the furniture against heat, strong solvents and moisture.
- Highly colored liquids such as coffee or wine shall immediately be wiped away if spilled.
- Rivets in jeans and belts may cause scratches on the furniture.

Care instructions

- Clean with water or a mild soap solution. Use a well wrung, damp and soft cotton cloth.
- Always wipe dry with a clean, dry and soft cotton cloth afterwards.
- Be careful with hard or sharp objects that could damage the surface.
- Lacquered furniture usually requires less maintenance than oiled and waxed surfaces.
- If the varnish is sensitive it is possible to apply a layer of wax using a cloth to polish for a smooth, dry surface.
- To recondition a lacquered surface and remove marks of glasses and mugs - we recommend using a polish.
- A good polish will clean and result in an even, fresh looking surface. Ask the store for the correct polish.
- A damage that has penetrated the paint is difficult to repair and often requires special skills and equipment.

