

# The Plutonic Furniture Co — Care and Maintenance Guide

Here are some important guidelines to help you enjoy our Melbourne designed + made furniture products to their fullest.

## General Safety

Apart from our chairs and benches, our furniture products are *not* designed to be sat upon, and none should be stood on. Do not allow anyone to sit, stand or climb on *any* part of a table or shelving unit, as it could create an unsafe situation.

We supply— and strongly encourage the use of— *wall safety straps* for customers purchasing wall units. However, it is the customer's responsibility to install the straps and ensure their wall unit is securely anchored to the wall to prevent tipping.

Tabletops should be regularly checked to ensure they are installed and positioned correctly on the base, in order to avoid potential toppling.

## General Maintenance

In addition to the following cleaning and maintenance guidelines, applying care and common sense will ensure your furniture remains in fine condition years to come.

All surfaces are susceptible to scratching or damage if subjected to poor treatment. Avoid contact with sharp implements and do not drop objects onto any surface. Spills should be wiped up immediately with a soft, clean microfiber cloth.

By their nature, certain surfaces are more disposed to markings and blemishes than others. If you are particularly concerned about marks to your tabletop, please use protective mats or tablecloths.

Otherwise, please read the following suggestions to ensure proper care is administered to your fine furniture.

## Powder Coating

Our furniture is designed to be durable, thus all of our steel furniture is powder coated, not only for aesthetic reasons, but also for corrosion protection.

Clean powder coated surfaces by gently brushing with a soft-bristled brush or wiping with a damp microfiber cloth.

Outdoor items in particular should be periodically inspected to ensure the coating has not been damaged. Exposure of the bare metal to outdoor weather conditions may cause premature corrosion, which in the long-term could result in the product becoming unsafe. Any damage to the powder coating of outdoor furniture should be attended to immediately.

## Plated & Anodised Metals

Plating is both a protective and decorative finish. To maintain its protective properties and finish, wipe plated surfaces with a soft, clean cloth and avoid abrasive cleaning solutions.

Plated + lacquered finishes are durable, hardwearing, and only require wiping with a microfiber cloth to maintain their beauty.

Plated + oiled finishes are beautifully natural, but require periodic reapplication if you wish to maintain the oiled appearance. Almost any household oil will suffice, including cooking oil or motor oil. Simply wipe on sparingly with a soft cloth and allow it to absorb.

Anodised aluminium is an extremely hardwearing finish; it requires no special maintenance, and can be cleaned with a soft, clean cloth.

## Acrylic Products

Acrylic is non-porous and impact-resistant; however, some care is still required to ensure it remains in good condition.

Blemishes may appear more obvious than on other surfaces, so do not allow the acrylic to come into contact with sharp objects, and avoiding dropping items onto its surface.

It can be cleaned by gently wiping with a soft microfiber (or nanofiber) cloth. Stubborn marks may require a cleaning solution, but avoid those that are abrasive.

Many consider minor marks and scratches on acrylic to be part the patina, and not a detracting feature. However, in most circumstances acrylic can be easily polished to remove all scratches and swirls and return the surface to new. Please contact us for further information.

## Concrete (see 'Polished Concrete — Care and Maintenance Guide' for detailed information)

The polished concrete surface has a high-performance sealer applied, which is generally resistant to everyday substances such as food, liquids, etc.

However, avoid leaving soiled substances on the surface, and immediately wipe spills using a soft damp cloth. Do not use an abrasive scourer or steel wool as it may dull the surface.

In the event of stubborn or dried stains, or if the surface requires a more thorough cleaning, we advise use of a non-abrasive, neutral pH cleaner.

Avoid high impact to the surface, particularly on the edges. To minimise potential scratches and abrasions, avoid dragging heavy, rough or sharp objects along the surface.

## Timber and Bamboo

We select and finish our timber and bamboo products with durability in mind. However, like any surface, they are still susceptible to scratching and staining if not properly cared for.

The wood sealers we use on these products means most stains or spills will wipe up with a damp microfiber cloth. Stubborn stains may require a non-abrasive cleaning solution.

In most cases, scratches to timber/bamboo can be repaired. However, by avoiding contact with hard or sharp objects, you can prevent the damage in the first place.