



Skyline Design

Care & maintenance

*A guide to cleaning, protecting and preserving your
Skyline Design outdoor furniture — so every piece
endures the seasons and keeps the calm, considered
beauty of outdoor living.*

Built to live outdoors

Every Skyline Design piece is engineered from noble, high-performance materials and finished to withstand the elements year-round. Thoughtful, regular care keeps each material at its best — preserving colour, finish and structure through sun, rain and salt air.

This guide brings together the recommended cleaning and maintenance practices for every material in our collections. Most routine cleaning calls for the same gentle, effective solution. Keep it close — it appears throughout this guide.

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Tempered Glass *Table tops and surfaces*

MATERIAL PROPERTIES

Tempered glass is produced through a heat-treatment process so that, should it ever break, it shatters into numerous small cube-shaped fragments — significantly reducing the risk of serious injury. Our glass typically ranges from 5 to 6 millimetres in thickness.

CLEANING

Glass is naturally resistant to moisture, making it nearly impervious to stains. To keep the surface clear, wipe it regularly with a clean microfibre cloth and a mild cleaning solution. Rinse thoroughly to prevent water spots, or use a commercially available glass cleaner. Wipe up spills promptly with a clean cloth.

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Sling

Ferrari Batyline Slings

MATERIAL PROPERTIES

Sling is a versatile outdoor fabric made from PVC-coated polyester yarns — a polyester core with a coloured PVC coating extruded over it. Our sling furniture exclusively uses Ferrari Batyline® slings, widely recognised, alongside Sunbrella®, as among the finest outdoor sling materials available.

Ferrari Batyline® slings feature a patented pre-tensioning system that prevents sagging and ensures optimal support, and all Ferrari slings are phthalate-free. PVC performs beautifully outdoors: durable and resistant to UV rays, chlorine, salt and pollutants, and easy to clean and maintain.

CLEANING

01. Prepare a cleaning solution of 1 part mild detergent to 16 parts lukewarm water, kept below 100°F / 40°C.
02. Thoroughly soak the sling 02 with the solution.
03. Gently agitate with a sponge or soft-bristle brush to lift ingrained dirt.
04. Rinse thoroughly with cold water until all traces of solution are gone.
05. Dry with a cloth or allow to air dry.

NOTE: A pressure hose on a low setting may be used if needed, but never direct high pressure at teak components — it can damage the timber surface. Ensure all foam residue is rinsed away, as leftover foam settles between the fibres and attracts dirt.

Woven Wicker *High-density polyethylene fibre*

MATERIAL PROPERTIES

Skyline Design woven furniture is crafted from High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE), a practical, soft-touch material prized for its flexibility, tear resistance, UV resistance and all-weather durability. The coloured material is extruded through a specialised die to form the final fibre, producing a wicker that is completely weatherproof, colourfast and easy to clean — resistant to chlorine, saltwater, tanning lotions and oils. We use a textured, thicker wicker that is more challenging to weave but offers superior strength and a more natural feel.

The frame beneath the weave is a fully welded, powder-coated aluminium structure. After welding, the entire frame is electro-statically powder coated to match the wicker, leaving it fully protected against corrosion and virtually invisible once woven over. Woven furniture withstands year-round conditions from -20°C to +55°C (-4°F to 131°F). In extreme cold the weave may stiffen; in extreme heat it may become more elastic — always returning to its normal elasticity once temperatures stabilise.

CLEANING

Clean regularly with the standard solution of 1 part mild detergent to 16 parts lukewarm water, kept below 100°F / 40°C. Soak the wicker thoroughly, then agitate gently with a soft-bristle brush to remove embedded dirt. Rinse off with cold water. A low-setting pressure hose is permissible, but keep high pressure away from any teak. Remove all foam residue and promptly dry any splashes on metal or teak frames to prevent water

REPAIRING

If scratches or abrasions appear on the fibre edges, briefly and cautiously apply heat — for example, the flame of a lighter — then gently rub along the fibre with hard cardboard to restore a smooth edge. Test first on a hidden area, such as the underside of the piece. If a fibre is cut or broken, remove the damaged section and weave in a new strip.

Aluminium

Electro-static powder-coated frames

MATERIAL PROPERTIES

Aluminium is lightweight and durable, with an excellent strength-to-weight ratio and natural corrosion resistance — an ideal material for outdoor furniture. Our aluminium is finished with an electro-statically applied powder coat that fully covers the metal and delivers a consistent, durable finish surpassing traditional paint: resistant to knocks and scratches, impervious to moisture, highly corrosion-resistant and easy to clean.

The powder-coating process begins with thorough pre-treatment. The material is sanded, then passed through a series of chemical baths to clean and degrease the metal. A chrome-conversion coating further enhances corrosion resistance before a polyester powder is applied by electrostatic spray. The frame is then cured in an oven at roughly 200°C (392°F) for 15–20 minutes, depending on component size. The result is harder and thicker than liquid paint and solvent-free — though, unlike paint, it is difficult to repair invisibly.

CLEANING

Powder-coated aluminium needs very little maintenance. Wipe surfaces with water and a mild liquid detergent using a microfibre cloth or sponge, then remove surface water with a drying cloth — as you would a car — to prevent water spots.

NOTE: Avoid abrasive cleaning agents, steel wool and Scotch-Brite on powder-coated surfaces, as they can mark or damage the finish.

Rope & strap *Woven outdoor rope*

LIGHT CLEANING

Regular light cleaning delays the need for deeper, more vigorous cleaning and keeps outdoor rope looking its best.

01. Lightly brush off any loose dirt from the rope.
02. Prepare a cleaning solution of 1 part mild detergent to 16 parts lukewarm water, kept below 100°F /40°C.
03. Apply a generous amount of solution to the rope.
04. Let it soak in, then clean gently with a sponge or soft-bristle brush.
05. Rinse thoroughly to remove all residue and allow to air dry.

NOTE: Brushing off dirt, wiping spills immediately and spot-cleaning stains as they occur is the most effective way to preserve the appearance of outdoor rope.

STUBBORN STAINS & MILDEW

Rope materials do not promote mildew, but mildew can grow on dirt and other substances that accumulate on the rope. For more intensive cleaning:

01. Combine 4 teaspoons of household bleach and 1 teaspoon of mild detergent with 235–355 ml (1 1/2 cups) of lukewarm water.
02. Spray onto the stained area and let it soak for about 15 minutes.
03. Gently work the stain with a sponge, clean towel or soft-bristle brush.
04. Rinse thoroughly, repeating at least three times to remove all soap and bleach residue, then air dry.

NOTE: Residual bleach can cause premature deterioration. Prolonged exposure to diluted or full-strength bleach is not recommended. Remove all cushions and protect surrounding surfaces before using bleach, and follow the safety and environmental precautions on the bleach label.

Protective Covers *Sur Last® solution-dyed polyester*

MATERIAL PROPERTIES

Purpose-made protective covers are available for many of our pieces, shielding furniture from dirt, stains, falling leaves, birds and splashes. Each cover is tailored to the exact dimensions of the furniture for a perfect fit. Stacking-chair covers protect up to four chairs at once, and covers for modular collections zip and hook together so an entire set can be covered without separating pieces. Every cover secures with strap-and-clip connectors or ties for a snug, wind-resistant fit.

Our covers are crafted from Sur Last®, a heavy-duty, 100% solution-dyed polyester from Glen Raven — the parent company of Sunbrella®. Sur Last® combines UV resistance, water resistance, breathability and durability. Its breathability reduces dampness, heat build-up and condensation by allowing air to circulate, minimising the chance of mould or mildew forming underneath.

NOTE: Because the fabric breathes, a small amount of moisture can pass through — especially where water collects on horizontal surfaces. Remove any standing water to keep excess moisture from being drawn through the cover.

COVERING YOUR FURNITURE

For best performance — particularly when covering upholstery or cushions for extended periods — ensure every piece is completely dry before covering. We recommend drying cushions indoors first to eliminate interior moisture. Remove covers regularly; even when not in use, furniture should be cleaned and maintained, as heavy rain can carry splashes and dirt beneath the cover. While all our furniture is built to live outdoors, natural materials such as teak will change character over time — covers help slow this weathering through every season.

COVER TIPS

When covering a dining table for an extended period, place an ordinary household object — a paper coffee cup works well — beneath the cover to lift the fabric off the surface. This encourages natural drainage and stops water pooling on top. One object suffices for square or round tables; rectangular tables may need two.

CLEANING THE COVER

01. Brush off any loose dirt and debris.
- 02 Prepare a solution of 1 part mild detergent to 16 parts lukewarm water, kept below 100°F / 40°C.
03. Apply with a spray bottle or sponge and clean gently with a 03 soft-bristle brush.
- 04 Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue.
- 05 Allow to air dry completely before storing or refitting.

Teak *Naturally finished solid timber*

MATERIAL PROPERTIES

Teak is exceptionally durable and low maintenance, requiring no special routine beyond occasional cleaning. Left to weather naturally, it transforms from a golden-brown hue to a soft silvery grey as the surface pigments fade — a process that takes anywhere from six months to two years depending on location and exposure.

At Skyline Design, our teak carries a natural finish with nothing applied on top. Some pieces are finely sanded to a smooth surface (typically with 220-grit paper); others are buffed to draw out the wood's natural oils for an ultra-smooth, subtly glossy finish. Buffing is a temporary, cosmetic treatment that fades over time with rain, sun and cleaning.

We recommend letting teak weather naturally, with a thorough cleaning once or twice a year using a mild detergent solution or, ideally, a dedicated Teak Cleaner. Occasional light sanding removes raised grain and restores smoothness. To preserve the fresh golden colour of new teak, apply a Teak Sealer when the furniture is new and re-apply annually.

NEVER

Power washers should never be used on teak — they erode the soft surface and leave a rough texture. Teak cannot be effectively painted or varnished, and additional teak or wood oils are not recommended: teak already contains natural oils, and over-oiling can cause mildew and gradual blackening that only aggressive sanding will remove.

SEALING WITH TEAK SEALER

01. Wear eye protection and rubber gloves.
02. Cover the ground beneath your working area.
03. On new teak, use Teak Cleaner first to remove surface oils; on dirty teak, use it to lift all stains.
04. If the cleaned wood feels rough, lightly sand before sealing.
05. Ensure the teak is 100% dry and dust-free.
06. Shake the sealer for at least one minute to mix thoroughly.
07. Test on a small, inconspicuous area to confirm the colour.
08. Apply a very thin, even coat with the supplied cloth.
09. Allow the first coat to dry for about 30 minutes.
10. Apply a second thin coat once the first has dried
11. Re-treat at least once a year to maintain protection and appearance.

MOVEMENT & STORAGE

Our teak is kiln-dried to a 12% moisture content, but even dried teak absorbs moisture and undergoes natural expansion and contraction — known as ‘movement’ — driven by changes in temperature and humidity. Outdoor teak is built with slats rather than wide boards to accommodate this; while minimised, movement cannot be entirely prevented. If storing teak over winter, use a dry shed or garage, and avoid moving it directly from the garden into a heated indoor room — sharp contrasts in temperature and humidity can cause excessive movement and splitting.

Oil appearing on the surface is completely normal and a sign of high-quality teak. During early exposure to rain, surface oils and pigments may wash out; this bleeding is natural and subsides within two to three months. To avoid staining, keep new teak off light-coloured, porous stone until bleeding has settled, and avoid leaving light-coloured cushions or fabrics on or near new teak in wet weather.

CLEANING WITH TEAK CLEANER

01. Wear eye protection and rubber gloves.
02. Cover the ground beneath your working area.
03. Moisten the teak thoroughly with clean water before applying cleaner.
04. Spray Teak Cleaner onto the wet, stained area and let it soak for about 3 minutes.
05. Scrub gently but effectively with the supplied pad to lift dirt and grease.
06. Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all residue.
07. Allow to air dry completely.

DO'S

- Clean gently with water and mild detergent for regular care.
- Use a cloth, sponge or soft brush.
- Use a Teak Cleaner once a year, following the manufacturer's instructions.
- Use the supplied abrasive paper for marks that won't clean off.
- Always sand in the same direction as the timber grain.

DONT'S

- Don't use a pressure washer — it damages the wood.
- Don't use a stiff brush, wire brush or steel wool — these lift the soft grain and can leave rust spots.
- Don't use bleach — it discolours the timber.

Sunbrella® Fabric *Upholstery and cushion covers*

EVERYDAY CARE

The best way to keep Sunbrella® fabrics looking their best is to brush off dirt and debris before it becomes embedded, and to address spills promptly — the sooner a spill is cleaned, the more easily it lifts.

TRY THIS FIRST—A NEW SPILL

- Blot (don't rub) liquid spills with a clean, dry cloth.
- For oil-based spills, apply an absorbent such as cornstarch, then remove with a straight edge.
- Spray on a mild solution of soap and water, or use Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner.
- Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue.

IF THE SPILL PERSISTS

Sunbrella® fabrics work both outdoors and in, but the right method depends on how the piece is made. Clean the entire surface from seam to seam rather than rubbing in a circular motion — often with an extractor — to avoid water rings and residue.

Removable fabric, hand washing: soak in a solution of 1/4 cup mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water, agitate lightly with a sponge or very soft brush, rinse thoroughly and air dry.

Machine washing: some removable casings are machine washable — confirm with the manufacturer first, as construction varies. Close all zippers, wash cold on the delicate cycle with a normal amount of mild detergent (add 1 cup of bleach for severe mould or mildew) and air dry.

Non-removable fabric: prepare 1/4 cup mild soap per gallon of lukewarm water, clean with a soft-bristle brush and let the solution soak in, rinse thoroughly and air dry.

OIL-BASED STAINS

If a stubborn oil-based stain remains, treat with Sunbrella Extract™ Oil-Based Stain Remover or a strong degreaser, then rinse thoroughly.

MOULD & MILDEW

Sunbrella® fabrics do not promote mildew, but it can grow on dirt and other substances left on the fabric. To remove it:

01. Prepare a solution of 1 cup bleach and 1/4 cup mild soap per gallon of water.
02. Spray the entire area and let it soak for 15 minutes.
03. Clean the whole surface with a sponge, clean towel or very soft brush.
04. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue, then air dry.

NOTE: For severe growth, bleach quantities may be increased. We recommend Sunbrella Clean™ Multi-Purpose Fabric Cleaner followed by a diluted bleach solution. Recommended products include 303® Multi-Surface Cleaner. Full guidance is available at sunbrella.com/cleaningguide.



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