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Proper care and maintenance will prolong the life of your finish. Weathering conditions such as sun, rain, wind, pollution, freezing cold, salt water and a host of other conditions will degrade the finish over time. These elements of nature combined with other factors such as abrasion may cause wear, damage, or corrosion of the top coating, underlying primer and aluminum frame. This will shorten the aesthetic and protective value of the finish.

WATER AND SUN EXPOSURE

Water and ultraviolet light exposure are two factors that are detrimental to any coated surface. The frequency of condensation from humidity, fog and rain are natural sources of water exposure. Poolside furniture may also be exposed to more frequent water exposure including chlorine chemicals or salt water. Never submerge the furniture frame in a pool as this could be detrimental to the finish and frame and void the warranty.

The effort to maintain the protective and decorative value of the finish is proportionate to the exposure of these and other conditions including contact with harsh solvents or cleaning chemicals and abrasives. **In seaside locations we recommend regular soap and water cleaning to rinse away salt deposits.** If grime and salt deposits are not removed regularly, these deposits will cause damage to the finish as well as pitting the aluminum itself.

PROTECTIVE COVERS

We highly recommend the use of protective covers when the furniture is not in use for extended periods. Our protective covers are intended to withstand daily exposure to sun, rain, and mildew and will protect the furniture frame and cushions when not in use. Our covers easily close and allow air to circulate.

BLEMISHES AND CHIPS IN THE FINISH

Small blemishes can often be removed using an automotive paste wax. For chips in the finish please use our touch-up kit which is available directly from McKinnon and Harris. Our touch-up paints are custom formulated to match our standard colors. **It is very important to touch-up any areas where the coating has been breached.**

CLEANING THE FINISH OF THE FURNITURE FRAME

Never power wash the furniture frame. Never use use aggressive or alkaline cleaners. Strong solvents or abrasive cleaners can cause damage to the finish. This damage could accelerate fading and ultimate failure of the powder coated finish. They may clean well for a time, but aggressive cleaners work by removing micro layers of the finish. After a while, it becomes impossible to clean the finish using this method. In addition, the finish may lose its protective value and prematurely fade and lose gloss.

When cleaning the furniture we suggest using a cleaner designed for fine finishes. We recommend Meguiar's® (www.meguiars.com) premium car or marine soaps. Meguiar's® premium soap wash contains rich ingredients which will protect and enhance the finish. Unlike harsh dishwashing detergents, this cleaner will not strip off wax protection. Use a microfiber towel, soft rag or soft brush (the same thing that you would use on your car) to clean the frame. Avoid using unfiltered tap water or well water when cleaning the finish. Tap and well water can cause staining and water spotting on the furniture finish due to iron oxide, sulphur, chlorine, fluoride, and other minerals and chemicals commonly found in hard water.

It is important to regularly wash the furniture frame. This is especially important in environments high in exposure to salt water and salt air. Regular maintenance will extend the life of the powder coated finish.

WAXING THE FURNITURE FRAME

Occasional waxing with an automotive paste will maintain the longevity of our finishes. We recommend using Meguiar's® Quick Detailer or Meguiar's® Quick Wax (www.meguiars.com). In one step this product cleans, polishes, and protects the powder coated finish. This will greatly extend the coating life just as your car benefits from a semi annual waxing.

CLEANING STUBBORN STAINS ON THE FURNITURE FRAME

We suggest using Meguiar's® Cleaner Wax (www.meguiars.com) to remove stubborn stains and scuff marks that are not removed by normal waxing. Meguiar's® Cleaner Wax is very effective for removing stains which may not come off with ordinary cleaning. It is a more aggressive wax and should not be used as a general paste wax for protecting the finish.

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WATER SPOTTING

Water spotting on the finish is likely a result of mineral and salt deposits in the water. The water spotting can also be a result of pollutants or salt in the rainwater. This problem can easily be remedied by using an automotive paste wax. This will promote "beading" of the water (ie: runoff the surface) without allowing surface dirt to dry on the finish. This will also make the furniture easier to clean when it becomes dirty. We recommend using Meguiar's® Quick Wax (meguiars.com). Water spotting may be more pronounced on darker frame colors and can occur more frequently in coastal areas. Although water spotting may re-occur after an extended period (just as an automobile gets dirty), the water spots can be removed easily by hosing off the furniture.

CARE OF TABLE TOPS

Our Adams Table Tops can scratch if an object with a bottom surface that is rough or coarse (such as a terracotta pot) is placed directly on the tops, or placed and then dragged across the surface. We recommend the placement of some kind of protective barrier between a rough, coarse bottom surface and tabletop, such as placing a cork pad beneath a terracotta pot.

TIRE REPLACEMENTS

Tire replacements are available at a nominal upcharge.

GLIDES

Our glides allow the furniture to move more smoothly over a surface, and due to such use will wear down over time. We are happy to replace these at no additional cost. When requesting replacement glides, please specify both the furniture collection number and color of the glides (natural or black).



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