



Wood Finish Care and Cleaning Options

Hand Applied Lacquered Finish and Oil Stains

Wood Products and Furniture with Lacquer Finish - Care and Cleaning Tips

The type of finish on the wood, not the type of wood, determines how the custom wood furniture care and cleaning can be done. Excessive dampness, dryness, heat, or cold can damage wood furniture. Sunlight can change the color. Rubber or plastic mats should not be used unless marked safe for wood, since some may soften or stain the finish. Wipe up spills at once to prevent spots that require refinishing.

Wood Product Cleaning

Vacuuming with a dusting brush attachment gently removes dust from surfaces, preventing buildup. If no vacuum cleaner, use a clean soft cloth, turning it often, or soft paper towels to pick up dust. Dust furniture before vacuuming floors. If the finish is water resistant, a barely dampened towel or cloth will pick up dust.

Clean with Mild Soap

The best way to clean lacquer is to use a mild soap and warm water. A mix of one teaspoon of soap to a half gallon of water is sufficient. Wring your cloth out so it's only damp, not dripping wet. Wipe the lacquer down avoiding circular motions. Once it's cleaned, you want to take a soft dry cloth and wipe any excess water away. Remember water can be death to lacquer finishes if left alone. You also need to make sure the cloth has no foreign material that can scratch the surface. Using harsh household cleaners will pull the finish off as well. Avoid using any cleaner that has bleach or ammonia in it.

Guide to Wood Lacquer Finishes

Regularly dust with a soft, dry cloth. Never use oiled or treated cloths on lacquered finishes. Some finishes can be wiped with a damp (not wet) cloth, followed at once by rubbing with a dry cloth, (test first in inconspicuous spot) to remove fingerprints and smudges. Apply liquid wax on occasion to maintain a gloss,

When severe or potentially damaging soiling occurs, use a solvent base furniture cleaner with care. Apply with soft cloth in one hand, and wipe at once with soft cloth in other hand, doing only a small area at a time. An oil soap (Murphy's) may be satisfactory. Protect with liquid wax or polish to maintain a gloss.

Disinfectants

If required by patient use, the wood products may be cleaned with Cavicide or Protex wipes. Do not let liquid stand on the surface, and dry after use. SEE NEXT PAGE.

CAUTION: Stools & Steps With Anti-Slip Treads

Steps and Stools with Black Anti-Slip Treads may ONLY be cleaned using a stiff synthetic or nylon bristle brush (non-metallic) and soapy water, never use solvents. A basic nylon brush is perfect. Nylon bristles will provide effective cleaning force, removing dirt from in between the peaks while being tough enough to withstand the abrasive surface.