# WINSTON<sup>®</sup>

# CARE & MAINTENANCE

# How To Care For Your New Winston Furniture

Fine outdoor furniture deserves exceptional care. Winston Furniture can be enjoyed for many years when well maintained.

While we use quality materials with specifications for outdoor use; upon exposure to the sun all colors will fade to some degree. To minimize possible fading—keep product covered, utilize cushions where applicable, minimize direct sunlight by storing product when not in use, and consider rotating furniture occasionally to assist with a more uniform weathering process.

# Cushion Fabric or Suncloth® Strap

Fine outdoor fabrics were designed to endure years of sun, soil, and moisture. Light stains can be removed with a solution of mild detergent and water, rinsed with clean water, and dried thoroughly. Mildew and heavy stains can be removed with a quality commercial outdoor furniture cleaner and protectant. For best protection, perform this maintenance two to three times a year; although, these durable materials can be safely cleaned as often as desired.

# Sling Fabric or Vinyl Strap

For vinyl strap and sling surfaces, apply a quality vinyl protectant to guard against the effects of air pollution, salt air build-up, and mildew growth. Light stains can be removed with a solution of mild detergent and water, rinsed with clean water, and dried thoroughly. Mildew and heavy stains can be removed with a quality commercial outdoor furniture cleaner and protectant.

# Aluminum

Wash the furniture with a solution of mild detergent and water, rinse with clean water and dry thoroughly.

# HDPE All-Weather Wicker and Lumber

Light stains and soils may be removed with a solution of mild detergent and water. Apply to the surface with a soft nylon brush. Brush lightly until clean. Rinse with clean water and allow to air dry. Avoid using a cloth to wipe clean or dry as it can be abrasive.

# Natural Wood

Left alone to age, the natural color of teak furniture will weather to a soft, silver grey. This process will take approximately nine months, depending on the degree of sunlight and rain exposure. Imperfections, which are inherent properties of the wood, will show over time, enhancing the beauty of the furniture. In humid or wet climates, or after rains, the wood may naturally expand and contract, causing the grain to rise. This is to be expected with exposure to the elements and will stabilize after the initial weathering occurs. To maintain teak furniture, use a soft bristled utility brush and stroke lightly in the direction of the grain to remove surface dust. For more stubborn dirt, the wood may be washed with a

mild solution of four parts laundry detergent or dishwashing soap to one part bleach in water, then rinsed thoroughly and allowed to dry completely. Oiling the wood may cause mildew or irregular coloring.

#### Adjustable

Care should be taken to stabilize chaises and adjustable chairs at the desired set point before reclining into the furniture. This is best done standing next to the furniture until the desired position is selected and secured. Do not adjust furniture while in use.

# Winter Storage

All furniture should be stored in an upright position to allow for proper water drainage. Storing furniture upside-down may cause water to accumulate and freeze inside the frame, causing serious structural damage that is not covered by the warranty.

#### NOTES & WARNINGS

- 1. Do not use any kind of wax, abrasive materials, or strong detergents on textured finishes.
- 2. Some suntan and sun block products may be harmful to weaves, cushions, mesh, and vinyl straps. Do not allow such products to come in contact with any seating surfaces to avoid deep penetrating stains, which are not covered under warranty.
- 3. Do not use bleach on printed acrylic fabrics.
- 4. Do not use solvent-type materials on woven vinyl, woven blend, or ultra woven blend fabrics as they will damage the yarns.
- 5. Do not use chlorine based cleaners.
- 6. Do not dry clean or use a washing machine or dryer.
- 7. Do not steam or use water at temperatures above 100°F when washing.
- 8. When cleaning with anything other than clean water, always test the cleaning solution in an inconspicuous area first.