

Lacquered & Painted Wood



Generally

At Fredericia, we use a light lacquer to maintain the tactile structure of the wood. When using coloured lacquer, you will still be able to sense the structure of the wood through the finish. Lacquer is slightly more sensitive than varnish. However, a lacquer sustains a more beautiful patina and you will not be able to see small scratches with the naked eye. Lacquer will provide you with the most honest and natural sense of the material.

Lacquered surfaces are easy to clean and they are highly resistant to dust and dirt. However, a lacquered surface is difficult to restore once ruined. Therefore, you must immediately wipe off any spilt liquids, as they will otherwise be absorbed into the tiny cracks in the varnish and create blotches. Lacquered surfaces are also sensitive to humidity, moisture and alcohol.

When lacquering natural oak, we use a matte lacquer with a light white pigmentation, which helps maintain the colour of the wood. Fresh lacquer is used to repair tiny cracks in coloured, lacquered surfaces. You can obtain the original coloured lacquer from Fredericia. Please refer to the 'item no' found underneath the chair when referencing the original colour.

Please Note That

Δ You must never use abrasive detergents, wire wool or polish, but only the gentlest and mildest cleaning agents available.

Δ Lacquered wooden surfaces can endure neither humidity nor alcohol. Always wipe off any spilt liquids immediately.

Δ In terms of lacquered counter tops, you should never leave vases or similar items in the same place for longer periods of time, as this may result in stains and discolouration.

Δ On some products Fredericia uses waterbased lacquer. Gradually this will be implemented on all products. Waterbased lacquers cannot withstand deinfection using ethanol as it causes permanent damage to the surface.

Δ Never disinfect lacquered wooden surfaces using ethanol as alcohol based disinfective cleaning agents will damage the surface. Only use water containing a mild all-purpose cleaning agent, which has proven just as effective.

Daily Cleaning

Wipe with a clean, dry cloth, and remember to always wipe in the wood grains' longitudinal direction. If you need to wash down the entire piece of furniture, use a soft cloth, tightly wrung in lukewarm water containing a tiny bit of all-purpose cleaning agent. Always choose a mild cleaning agent without sanding qualities.

Be careful not to use too much water, and preferably, use only a damp cloth. Remember to always finish off by wiping the surfaces with a dry cloth.

Maintenance

If you take good care of your lacquered furniture, no maintenance is necessary. Avoid leaving liquids on the surfaces and always ensure that they are kept dry. Small cracks in the lacquer can be mended by using the original Fredericia lacquer. Discolouration cannot be rectified by using cleaning agents, but must be restored by a professional.