

## BLOC OUTDOOR | MAINTENANCE & CARE GUIDE



### **TIMBER**

#### **| WHAT IS IROKO TIMBER?**

Bloc Outdoor timber furniture (made locally in South Africa) is made from Iroko timber, wood of the Iroko tree (*Chlorophora Excelsa*), native to the West Coast of Africa, also known as “African Teak”. The timber has been sustainably sourced from our chain of suppliers. It was carefully selected as our choice of timber due to its ability to perform when exposed to the extreme outdoor conditions.

Iroko timber is tough, dense, durable and resistant to decay. From the outset it appears to be a light yellow-brown to dark honey brown in colour with a straight grain, colour variation should be expected, initially. It has been cured in a kiln to the right moisture content intended for its purpose which makes it's a perfect choice for joinery in furniture and in the boat building industry.

#### **| JOINERY**

All our furniture has been manufactured with the old-school method of mortise and tenons joins and pinned with visible dowels. We only make use of waterproof glues and stainless steel screw.

#### **| MAINTENANCE & CARE**

Bloc outdoor furniture has been treated with a 10% white outdoor oil prior to leaving the factory. The oil seals and protects the timber against minor stains and slows down the drying out process when exposed to the outdoor elements. It then becomes the owner's choice/responsibility whether they would like to maintain the beauty and colour of the timber or whether they would like it to age gracefully.

#### **| HOW DO I ENSURE MY ITEMS REMAIN IN GOOD CONDITION?**

In order to maintain the natural beauty and colour of the timber, for the best long term results, we recommend a maintenance routine (when needed) using our preferred oil. The level of maintenance require will depend on the level of exposure to the outdoor elements.

The maintenance routine can be done with;

- a light sand with 100 grit sand paper
- excess dust should be cleaned off with a dry cloth
- then re-apply a coat of the recommend oil (according to the instructions on the tin) with a mutton cloth.

If one chooses **not** to maintain their timber furniture it will gradually change and lighten in colour depending on its exposure to the outdoor elements, thus, eventually fading to a silver-grey patina. During this aging process, slight surface cracking could be expected as the timber is 'drying out'. This however, is a purely natural outcome and should not be considered as a structural defect. The furniture will still continue to serve its function for years to come. That being said one can maintain/restore their furniture at any given time.



## **CONCRETE**

### **| ABOUT THE MATERIAL**

Concrete surfaces were introduced as an alternative option in our product range due to its natural appearance, strength, and durability. There are 4 available concrete colour options. All our concrete has been manufactured with high quality white imported cement and graded aggregates with steel re-enforcing. All our concrete products are treated with a specialised repellency additive which is totally weatherproof and ideal for outdoor use.

### **| MAINTENANCE & CARE**

All our concrete products have been treated with a sealer that is superior in its resistance to practically any cleaning agent. Abrasive soaps like Handy Andy, and any regular household cleaning agent can be used with absolute confidence on our concrete surfaces.

Our sealer is totally resistant to ammonia, wine, beetroot lemon juice, vinegar, turpentine, and benzene to mention a few. In almost all cases, our product is easily cleaned using a normal cloth and normal household detergents.

Avoid cutting directly on the concrete surface. This you should not do for any other product in any event (marble, granite, other engineered stone, wood etc.) Cutting on the concrete surface will not damage the concrete itself, but may damage the sealer that protects the concrete from stain penetration.

Avoid placing very hot pots or utensils directly on the concrete surface. Once again, this is not advisable for any other product in any event.



## **CUSHIONS & FABRIC**

### **| ABOUT THE MATERIAL**

The fabrics are also resistant to atmospheric agents and are stain resistant, rot and mould proof.

Our cushions are made from the finest quality high-to-medium density foams. In some cases, we use unicurl in our back cushions for a softer and more comfortable feel. The cushions are wrapped in a layer of Dacron and covered with an inner for protection. The slip-cover is then made in your selected fabric.

It is important to follow the care, cleaning and maintenance instructions of that particular fabric. Although it is a completely outdoor product we recommend that one should store the cushions in a dry place or cover them with outdoor covers. When completely soaked in water/rain we recommend that you take the cushions out of their covers and stand them upright until dry.



## RIEMPIE

### | WHAT IS IT?

“Riempie” is generally a rawhide strip used especially as webbing in making furniture seats. The riempie we use is a polyester cord which is used in the marine and boating industry. It has been tried and tested in the most extreme weather conditions which makes this the perfect choice for us. We introduced the riempie to our range as an alternative material to complement our furniture in design and practicality. The cord we use is flexible, strong, durable and has UV stabilisers to prevent fading. It is available in various colours and thicknesses. We use the riempie on selected chairs and benches as it provides a more comfortable experience, without the need for a cushion.

### | MAINTENANCE & CARE

The riempie is low maintenance and only requires cleaning when needed. This can be done with a scrub brush and warm soapy water - then rinsed with clean water after. The UV stabilizers ensure that it will retain its true colour for years to come.



## METALS

### | MAINTENANCE & CARE

We make use of 3 types of metals; Mild steel, Stainless steel and Aluminium. They are materials which offer great structural strength, durability and require low maintenance. All of our metals have been carefully selected to suit an intended purpose and have been treated/coated in order to ensure long term durability while being exposed to the outdoor elements.

## PRODUCT GUARANTEES

- We offer a 3-year structural guarantee due to poor workmanship.
- We offer a 3-year guarantee against poor performance of coatings and failure where the material cannot function/be used for its intended purpose.
- We will happily repair, replace or refund the cost of an item if found to be defective within 6 months from date of delivery/installation and will repair, or if necessary, replace the item if found to be defective within the remainder of the guarantee period.
- Where items have been damaged due to misuse, negligence or other causes, such as wind damage, repairs will be charged for.
- Care must be taken when an oil/varnish has been used to use as directed by the manufacturer's instructions.
- Failure to do so can result in possible damage to the furniture and invalid claims on any guarantees from Bloc Outdoor Furniture.
- Dining chairs cannot be guaranteed for commercial use due to the nature of the business.
- On paying a deposit the client confirms the order and agrees to all Bloc Outdoor Furniture's terms and conditions (available on our website).
- All Bloc Outdoor Furniture's quotations are valid for 30 days from date it was sent.