

MATERIALS + CARE



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 tenon joins and pinned with visible dowels. We only make use of waterproof glue and stainless steel screws.

| 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 required 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 recommended 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.

| TIMBER GUARANTEE

Workmanship: Bloc Outdoor offers a 2-year guarantee against structural and faulty workmanship unless damage is caused due to misuse, negligence or any other act of nature. Timber is a natural product and slight surface cracking and movement is expected.

Materials: We offer a 2-year guarantee against movement and cracking where the structural integrity is undermined unless damage is caused due to misuse, negligence or any other act of nature.



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.

| GUARANTEE

Workmanship: BLOC Outdoor offers a 2-year guarantee against structural and faulty workmanship unless damage is caused due to misuse, negligence or any other act of nature other than natural weather conditions. Natural stone or reinforced concrete products such as ours, are rigid and therefore sensitive to fracturing with jolting actions. Care must be taken when moving any table with a concrete top. Never “drop” or “drag” your table. Rather lift, and place gently.

It is not advised to sit, stand or jump on any concrete top. Similarly, striking our concrete tops with a hard or solid object can cause damage or fracturing. Ensure that all four table legs touch the ground firmly to offer maximum support to the concrete top.

Materials: Notwithstanding the above, our sealed concrete surfaces are guaranteed to withstand even direct and harsh outdoor weather conditions. We offer a 5-year guarantee against discolouration/fading or delamination of sealer unless the product is subject to misuse or negligence.



Cushions & Fabric

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.

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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 stabilizers 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.

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Metals

| MATERIAL

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 little to no 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.

The Studio Stirling chairs are made from mild steel, making them very durable. They are EP coated – Environ Protected (the same treatment as used on the chassis of motorcars) for rust resistance. They are also powder coated. Studio Stirling cushions are made with outdoor, sun and water resistant fabric. The hanging mechanisms are supplied with chair – in standard lengths, ready for installation.