

## MATERIALS + CARE



### Timber

#### | WHAT IS IROKO TIMBER?

Bloc Outdoor timber furniture (made locally in South Africa) is made from Iroko timber, from the Iroko tree (*Chlorophora Excelsa*). It is native to the West Coast of Africa and also known as “African Teak”. The timber has been sustainably sourced from our chain of suppliers.

Iroko timber is tough, dense, durable and resistant to decay. From the outset it appears to be a yellow-brown to honey-brown in colour with a straight grain, colour variation is to be expected initially. It has been cured in a kiln for the right moisture content intended for its purpose. It is our choice of timber due to its ability to perform when exposed to outdoor conditions.

#### | JOINERY

All our furniture has been manufactured with the method of “mortise and tenon” joins and pinned with visible dowels. We also make use of waterproof glue and stainless steel screws.

#### | MAINTENANCE & CARE

Bloc outdoor furniture has been treated with an outdoor oil (which has a 10% white pigment) prior to leaving the factory. The oil seals and protects the timber and slows down the natural drying process when exposed to the outdoor elements. It is the owner’s choice/responsibility if they would like to maintain the beauty and colour of the timber or if they would like it to weather.

#### | 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 which can be purchased from our showrooms. The maintenance required will depend on the level of exposure to the outdoor elements. The maintenance routine can be done as follows;

- The cushions need to be removed
- One must give the timber a light sand with 100 grit sand paper
- Excess dust should be cleaned off with a dry cloth
- Shake and/or stir the tin of oil so that it mixes properly before use
- Apply oil to a mutton cloth and cover all the area's of the timber surfaces evenly
- Only apply a medium film of oil – it should not be dripping
- Leave on for about 15 minutes to allow the oil to penetrate. If you leave it on for too long it will become like syrup and become sticky

**Dispose of the used cloth by first saturating it with water as the oil is flammable.**

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 weathering to a silver-grey patina. When the timber weathers, slight surface cracking is expected as the timber is 'drying out'. This 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.



## Porcelain Stoneware

### | ABOUT THE MATERIAL

Full-body porcelain stoneware surfaces were introduced as an alternative option in our product range due to its natural appearance, strength, and durability. All products which incorporate porcelain are weatherproof and ideal for outdoor use.

### | MAINTENANCE & CARE

All our porcelain products are resistant to practically any cleaning agent. Abrasive soaps like Handy Andy, and any regular household cleaning agent can be used with confidence.

Avoid cutting directly on the surface. This you should not do for any other product in any event.

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

Porcelain is rigid and therefore sensitive to fracturing with jolting actions. Care must be taken when moving any table with a porcelain top. Never “drop” or “drag” your table. Rather lift, and place gently.

It is not advised to sit, stand or jump on any porcelain top. Similarly, striking our porcelain 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 porcelain top.

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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.

Material: Notwithstanding the above, our porcelain surfaces are guaranteed to withstand direct and harsh outdoor weather conditions.



## Cushions & Fabric

Our cushions are made from high-quality 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 a selected or stock fabric. All our fabric options are UV-resistant, stain, dew and mould proof.

It is important to follow the care, cleaning and maintenance instructions of the particular fabric brand. 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.

*For Sunbrella Care and Cleaning Tips*

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## Rope

### | ABOUT THE MATERIAL

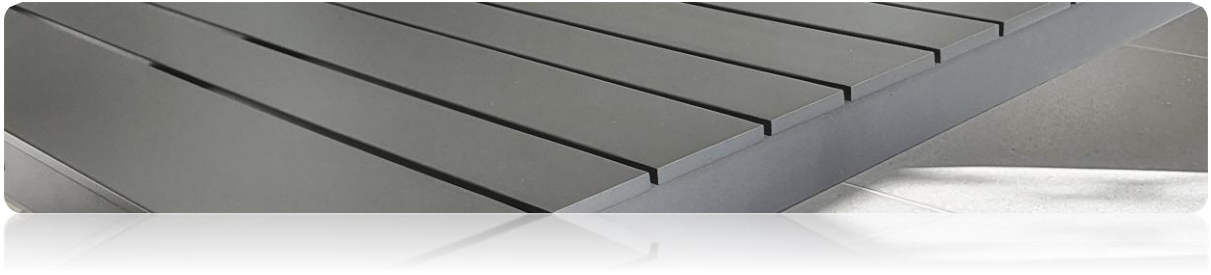
We use a UV-resistant polyester rope which is used in the marine and boating industry. It has been tried and tested in all weather conditions. This rope is strong and durable. We incorporate rope on selected chairs, benches and sofas as it provides a comfortable seating experience and serves as a unique design feature.

### | MAINTENANCE & CARE

The rope 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 rope will retain its true colour for years to come.

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## Metals

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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' hanging chairs are made from mild steel, making them very durable. They are EP coated – Environ Protected for rust resistance. They are also powder coated. Hanging mechanisms are supplied with chair – in standard lengths, ready for installation.