

# VINCENT SHEPPARD

## CARE AND MAINTENANCE

### RATTAN

- 1. Clean gently:** Dust your rattan furniture regularly with a soft cloth. Never use paint thinners or abrasive creams to clean wicker or rattan cane furniture.
- 2. Dry wet rattan furniture well:** A damp cloth with a mild furniture cleaner may be used, but take care not to soak the furniture. If it does become over saturated, dry outdoors in the sunlight, if possible. The natural plant material will generally return to its original shape, so take care not to bend it while wet.
- 3. Treat mildew immediately:** If mildew or mold begins to form, use a strong bleach in soapy water to clean the affected areas. The furniture must then be immediately dried out of doors.
- 4. Rotate rattan furniture:** Natural fibers can fade in strong sunlight. This is a natural process and not necessarily bad. However, if possible, rotate furniture throughout the space on a regular basis so as to evenly distribute the fading. You might also consider installing blinds or awnings to reduce extreme sun exposure.
- 5. Humidify:** Keep furniture away from areas of extreme heat as this can warp or overly dry out the furniture. Natural plant fibers require a certain level of humidity so as not to dry out and split. If you're in a particularly dry area, add moisture to the air with a humidifier.
- 6. Oil rattan furniture:** If splitting has occurred due to excessive dryness, the best thing to do is to make sure no further damage occurs by treating the rattan or cane with tung or boiled linseed oil and raising the humidity level of the space.

### LLOYD LOOM

Both our indoor and outdoor Lloyd Loom furniture can easily be maintained with a moist towel and some natural, mild soap.

In order to be able to use Lloyd Loom for outside furniture as well, a specific technique was developed in order to make the material waterproof. Our outdoor Lloyd Loom models can thus simply be left outside, although we recommend storing them inside during cold or rainy periods.

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## STEEL

For the outdoor pieces, the steel is always galvanized and powder coated to make sure it is protected from all-weather influences.

Clean the steel pieces with a moist towel and some natural soap!

## TEAK

Teak furniture does not require any special maintenance routine or any additional protection apart from occasional cleaning. Left to weather naturally, teak will turn from a golden-brown color to a light silvery grey as the pigments in the surface layer of the wood begin to fade away. This process will take from 6 months to 2 years, depending on the location and weather circumstances. We do not apply any 'finishes' to our teak. All of our teak furniture is untreated. Teak requires very little maintenance apart from the occasional scrub. We recommend that you allow your teak furniture to weather naturally. Simply clean the teak thoroughly with either water and a mild detergent solution (see instructions below) or a Teak Cleaner once or twice a year. Teak furniture may also benefit from an occasional light sanding to remove any raised grain and restore a smooth finish to the surface. Under no circumstances should a power washer be used to clean teak as this will erode the soft surface and leave it rough to the touch.

## ALUMINIUM

Aluminium has a self-protective layer, which prevents corrosion and makes this material very suitable for outdoor applications.

On top of that, it is super easy to maintain. A quick wash with a non-foaming mild detergent every now and then is all it needs!

## ROPE

Our rope is made of polypropylene fibers or acrylic. Just like our other synthetic materials, the rope is designed to withstand any weather condition and **can be left outside all year long.**

For **maintaining** your rope furniture, we recommend using a fabric and upholstery protector to give optimal stain resistance.

To **clean spots** on the rope, we suggest applying a mist of soapy water with a spray bottle and then work the solution into the rope with a soft cloth by patting or rubbing

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lightly. Rinse the solution thoroughly and then blot excess moisture from the rope using a soft cloth and allow air-drying.

Never use a high-pressure hose on acrylic rope

## **SYNTHETIC WEAVE**

All our synthetic materials are specifically designed to withstand any weather conditions, are UV-resistant, and can be left outside all year long.

We recommend giving them a quick wash when dirty or every three months with a non-foaming mild detergent.