

General Furniture Maintenance

1. Stained Hardwood

Draffin Street Furniture use only the highest quality, FSC certified hardwoods and commercial grade water based stains. To prolong the life of your stained timbers, regular maintenance should be carried out every 12 months.

Dulux Intergrain Ultradeck stain is recommended. First indication of the need for recoating, will be observed as patchiness or discoloration around edges. If additional maintenance coatings are required, please refer to www.intergrain.com.au

2. Timber Leaching

Draffin Street Furniture use only kiln dried hardwood, with a moisture level at industry standards. However; on occasion 'leaching' of tannins from the timber can occur. Tannins can leave visible marks on concrete surfaces and it is imperative to wash this off as soon as possible. Apply un-diluted heavy duty cleaner onto the affected area, scrub in and let sit for 20min. Wash away with warm water and broom.

*Avoid wooden surfaces with bleach based cleaners, as it will mark the timber.

3. Anodised Aluminium Battens/Planks

Requires no ongoing maintenance. May be cleaned of dirt and grime using hot soapy water only. Scrub with non-abrasive brush. Do not use abrasive scourer as it will mark the surface.

4. Powder Coated Metals

Powder coat surfaces should be kept clean, especially in highly corrosive environments (coastal etc). May be cleaned using hot soapy water only. Scrub with non-abrasive brush. Do not use abrasive scourer as it will mark the surface.

If coating is broken through physical damage it must be touched up immediately to ensure that

corrosion does not take place. Lightly sand affected area with 200grit sand paper, cover with touch up paint, available from Draffin.

5. Two Pack Painted Metals

Two Pack Painted surfaces should be kept clean, especially in highly corrosive environments (coastal etc). May be cleaned using hot soapy water only. Scrub with non-abrasive brush. Do not use abrasive scourer as it will mark the surface.

If coating is broken through physical damage it must be touched up immediately to ensure that corrosion does not take place. Lightly sand affected area with 200grit sand paper, cover with touch up with paint, available from Draffin.

6. Stainless Steel

Stainless Steel is a very low maintenance material. Hot Soapy water is recommended for cleaning with non-abrasive brush. Solvents can be used where necessary to manufactures instructions.

Brush finished stainless steel that has light scratches can be re-polished using a green chux pad, carefully following the existing grain. Heavy scratches can be easily removed and re-polished by Draffin if requested.

Mirror Polished stainless steel that has been scratched needs to be professionally re-polished by Draffin.

In heavily corrosive environments "tea staining" can occur on stainless steel, leaving a rust colored stain on the surface. This will not affect the structural integrity of the item, but is unsightly. It can be removed on brush finished stainless with the method above.

7. Replacement Parts/Refurbishment

Draffin Street Furniture can provide replacement parts for almost all items, and offer a complete refurbishment service if required.

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8. Hot Dip Galvanised Steel Surfaces

Galvanised Surfaces do not require any ongoing maintenance. When new the galvanized surface will have a bright silver finish. Over the first 6 months a white rust will appear, and then the surface will take on a matt grey finish. This is perfectly normal and the natural process. In the unlikely event that the surface is broken it is suggested that the area be re-coated with a zinc rich paint, available from Draffin Street Furniture.

9. Recycled Plastic and Composite Battens

No ongoing maintenance is required. Dirt and Grime can be removed with hot soapy water with non-abrasive brush

10. Fasteners

All fasteners should be checked every 6 months for tightness.

11. Weathering Steel

Weathering steel does not require any ongoing maintenance. Draffin's weathering steel products are supplied in its dull grey, raw steel form. Over the first 6 months, a speckling of orange rust will appear, with the surface eventually taking on a smooth dark orange appearance. If vandalism or graffiti does occur, sand back affected areas and let the natural weathering process begin again.

*Initial runoff from weathering steel will stain porous surfaces like concrete and masonry.