RT Facts

Material and Care Information for Benches

**Base Material and Finishes**

**Antique Gold:**

Our Antique Gold finish is applied entirely by hand in multiple layers and with great care.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution.

Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

In order to prolong the life of the finish be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved.

**Blackened Iron:**

Our Blackened finish is our tried and true standard which we love very much. It reads as a very warm almost black color with much dimension, allowing for the life and texture of the metal to come through.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution.

Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

In order to prolong the life of the finish be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved.

**Galvanized Steel:**

Galvanized steel has a zinc coating that protects the metal from corrosion. It is suitable for outdoor use.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a cleaning solution.

Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

In order to prolong the life of the finish be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved.

**Powder Coat:**

Powder coating is a durable finish suitable for outdoor use. Your powder coated piece may be left outside in the elements twelve months out of the year. For best longevity, we recommend bringing it indoors or into a sheltered area during cold months of freezing and thawing to prevent excess wear to the surface. Powder coating is a hand applied finish that is then baked. Although irregularities in the texture are uncommon, they are not abnormal.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution.

Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

Be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved. This is a very important step in prolonging the life of the surface.

Do not hit or drag metal or other hard items across the surface of your item. Powder coat is susceptible to scratching and if scratched or chipping deeply enough, exposing raw metal, compromising the weatherproof capabilities of the item.

**Cushion Material and Finishes**

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If your bench has been made with a material that you have provided, please check with the manufacturer of said material for care instructions.

**Cast Stone:**

Each cast stone cushion will have a unique patina from time spent outdoor. This is the only bench cushion material offered by RT Facts that is suitable for outdoor use.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed when cleaning, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water and a gentle cleanser.

Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

**Hair on Hide:**

The hair on hide that we use on our pieces is genuine cow hide and therefore displays a range of natural characteristics that cannot be controlled. Our craftsmen work hard to thoughtfully match and place the hide to best suit the item and design.

To clean, dust in the direction of the hair with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water.

Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

Be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved.

Feel free to comb your hair on hide occasionally and especially after cleaning to straighten hairs and shed any debris.

If you choose to vacuum, be sure to use a gentle setting

**Leather:**

The leather that we use on our pieces is genuine leather from a cow and therefore displays a range of natural characteristics that cannot be controlled. Our workshop craftsmen work hard to thoughtfully match and place leather pieces to best suit the item and design. Our leather is either dyed or waxed, depending on specification. There will be slight variations in coloring among dyed hides due to contributing factors such as the overall tannage of the hide used, inconsistencies in original hide etc. Our leather is not sealed from UV or moisture and will change in color, sheen and patina over time. To slow color change, keep your item out of direct sunlight but know that lighter colors will eventually deepen and that darker colored leathers may fade.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

For spills, use soft cloth to blot, do not rub.

Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

Overtime if leather becomes dry, stained, or scuffed, use a gentle leather cleaner or conditioner. Read instructions on products carefully, and ensure that they are intended to be used on leather.