

# LAURENT CHAIR & BENCH

## PRODUCT CARE LABEL

### General Care

Use felt backing on feet to prevent scratches. Do not use abrasives or harsh chemicals on wood furniture. If your original wood finish is "a la natural," you can apply furniture oil or polish that will build up over time and protect. If your wood finish has an original water-based protectant, you can re-apply. Dust or wipe clean with a cloth dampened with water once a week. Be sure not to leave water spots on the surface. These water spots will dry and could possibly leave permanent marks. These chairs & benches are made in Indonesia by hand.

### Leather

Vegetable-tanned leather darkens & develops a patina over time with exposure to natural elements. This will happen whether you use a protectant or not, but a protectant will slow the process, & also help the overall leather to be more uniform and stain-resistant. Our leather already has a water base topcoat, but the best thing to do when you receive your product is to treat it with a leather balm. Any beeswax balm will do the trick – just make sure it contains no synthetic parafins.

Test the balm you are going to use on a part of the product that's less conspicuous – just in case it has an effect you're not happy with. Apply the balm using a clean dry cloth from seam to seam, & smooth it into the leather's surface. Then leave it to dry naturally and out of the sun. A balm should be applied two to four times per year to keep it moisturised & protected.

For general cleaning and upkeep, the above leather balm process should be enough to buff out any light marks and scratches. If your piece needs a proper and more thorough clean, we suggest using saddle soap. Saddle soap is a glycerin-based soap & it's made for use on vegetable tanned leather. It cleans, conditions & also slightly protects leather. Firstly, lather a damp sponge or cloth with saddle soap & lightly rub in circular motions over the leather. Be sure not to wet the surface of your product too much, or lather excessively. Once the leather is fully lathered, use a clean damp cloth to wipe away excess soap on the bag. Continue this process until all the soap is removed. Finally, lightly rub with a dry cloth & wait until the product is fully dried. Reapply the leather balm to re-condition & protect the leather after cleaning.

Little spills & stains are part of life. If some of your dinner or morning coffee ends up on your favourite new chair or bench don't panic. We recommend trying to use the saddle soap cleaning method to help lift the stain, & attempting this multiple times for stubborn stains. Do not use any harsh chemicals to clean, or brushes with stiff bristles that could scratch the leather. Detergents and other harsh soaps should be avoided as these will strip the natural oils & dry the leather out. Always let any protectant dry naturally, away from direct sunlight, & never blow-dry directly on the product as this could cause further staining.

Finally, it's super important to remember that leather is an organic material. It will soften, get darker, develop unique characteristics, & become more beautiful over time. Embrace these changes as they only add character & personality to your leather furniture."