

OUTDOOR FURNITURE | MAINTENANCE & CARE

" Woodbender is a proudly South African manufacturer with a passion for design and quality. We create more than just furniture – we create a lifestyle, and our Chalbi Outdoor Range are designed to enhance your outdoor living experience. We are synonymous with high quality furniture that is durable and comfortable and we pride ourselves in offering excellent value for both private and trade customers across South Africa and beyond".

IROKO TIMBER

Woodbender outdoor furniture (made locally in South Africa) is made from Iroko timber, from the Iroko tree (*Chlorophora Excelsa*), native to the West Coast of Africa. 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 is our choice of timber due to its ability to perform when exposed to outdoor conditions.

JOINERY

Our Chalbi Outdoor Range has been handcrafted by our talented team, understanding wood movement and allowing for movement in the construction. We have made use of square dowels for plugging and pinning joints to avoid a glue line that will degrade over time, as well as stainless steel screws.

MAINTENANCE & CARE

Woodbender outdoor furniture has been treated with an outdoor oil (which has a built-in UV blocker, slowing down discolouration of the wood) 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 whether they would like to maintain the beauty and colour of the timber or whether 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 through us, or directly from Ciranova.

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
- No sanding is required
- Shake the bottle of oil so that it mixes properly before use
- Rub the oil into the wood with a fine Scotch - Brite pad
- Allow no more than 15 minutes for the oil to penetrate
- Rub off with a clean cotton rag until dry to the touch

WARNING! Oil soaked cloths can self ignite. Dispose of the cloth by first saturating it in water.

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

Woodbender offers a 2-year guarantee against structural or manufacturing defects that occur during normal usage of our outdoor furniture. Unfortunately we can not be held liable for damages caused due to misuse, negligence or any other act of nature. Timber is a natural product and slight surface cracking and movement is expected.