

## CARE & MAINTENANCE FACT SHEET



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### OUTDOOR LOUNGE

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#### **Material Properties**

Weatherproof, Outdoor Lounge cushion covers (as used on both fully upholstered Outdoor Lounge collections, integral cushions on seating items and some optional cushion pads) use either Sunbrella® Rain or Outdura/Crypton 100% solution dyed acrylic fabrics (USA) or Sunbrella® PVC/Textile fabrics (Rest of World).

Sunbrella® PVC/Textile fabrics are similar to a traditional PVC sling, but with the addition of textile yarns within the weave to offer increased comfort and the addition of a lamination layer on the reverse of the fabric to aid water resistance.

Outdoor Lounge cushions are designed to be highly water resistant, so no water can enter into the cushion filling itself. In the unlikely case that any water does penetrate the outer cover, the construction of the cushions themselves - including a water resistant but breathable inner liner and reticulated foam & dacron core - allows water to freely pass through the interior and exit underneath. Open mesh bases on the outer covers assist by aiding airflow within the cushion, further speeding up the drying process.

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#### **Cleaning (Light Soiling)**

As with any item left permanently outside and exposed to the elements, regular cleaning is recommended - at least once a year. Cleaning every month when in use will ensure that the furniture remains looking at its best. If the fabric is stained with oil, butter or any other oil-based product, we strongly advise that this is removed IMMEDIATELY using a solution of warm water and mild detergent as detailed below. We also advise furniture is covered in the winter months if possible.

For regular, general cleaning and light soiling use a solution of warm water and mild detergent.

1. Gently brush the fabric clean with a sponge, soft scrubbing pad or a soft bristle scrubbing brush.
2. Rinse well with clean water to remove all traces of the detergent solution.

**DO NOT** use a power washer to clean/rinse the cushions as this will cause de-lamination of the membrane on the inside of the cushion cover.

#### **Watermarks**

Due to the large surface area of base cushions in particular, it is possible, under certain conditions, for watermarks to appear on the fabric. Watermarks are not 'stains' as such and can occur on almost any fabric under certain conditions - i.e. uneven wetting and/or uneven drying. To avoid water marking it is important to dry cushions evenly, preferably in sunny, breezy conditions.

If a watermark appears, use Gloster Outdoor Lounge Fabric Cleaner to remove the mark, then rinse the cushion thoroughly all over, using clean water, and then allow to dry as evenly and quickly as practicable. Ideally, this should be in the open air and in direct sunlight if possible, which will assist more rapid and even drying.



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#### **Cleaning (Heavy Soiling)**

For more ingrained dirt and/or to remove specific stains use Gloster Outdoor Lounge Fabric Cleaner.

#### **Instructions for Use**

1. Before using the Outdoor Lounge Fabric Cleaner eye protection should be worn. Cover the ground under your working area before cleaning.
2. Mix one scoop (supplied with the cleaner) of powder per quart (1.3 litres) of water, warm water will allow the best results.
3. Stir thoroughly until the blue colour disappears, mix only what you intend to use within a 10 hour period.
4. Wet down surface of the fabric with clean water before application of the solution.
5. Sponge or brush the solution onto the surface of the fabric.
6. Let stand for 15 minutes (extra soiled areas may require a longer / overnight for very heavy soiling) keeping the area wet with solution, then agitate with a soft plastic scrubbing brush.
7. Rinse with clean water. Allow cushion to dry completely before use.
8. Repeat steps 1 through 7 if staining persists.

#### **Mildew**

All the fabrics used on Outdoor Lounge furniture are generally resistant to mildew, however in extreme humid and moist environments, it is possible that some level of mildew may develop on the surface of the fabric. To prevent and remove mildew, we recommend that items are cleaned at least once a year using Gloster Outdoor Lounge Fabric Cleaner.

#### **Teak Stains**

Cushions that are in contact with new teak can occasionally show signs of teak staining. This is caused when the pigments and oils within the new teak bleed out over time leaving a red-brown stain on the cushion fabric. To clean these teak stains from cushions, we recommend the use of 'Murphy Oil Soap' - a common household cleaner that can be easily purchased on the internet or from household retailers.



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