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*Caring for your*

## LACQUERED FURNITURE

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You've taken the time to find your furniture - now it's time for you to take your piece home and love it. To make it last longer, a little care goes a long way.

Natural hardwood is a long-lasting, durable material, making it ideal for everyday living at home. The furniture is crafted with great care and treated with a lacquered finish that not only enhances the beauty of the timber grain, but also makes your life easy, as day-to-day cleaning is simple.

To extend the life of your new piece, just remember to follow a few little steps, and you can avoid any lasting damage.

**PLACE.** Be mindful where you choose to put your piece, avoiding direct sunlight/contact with aircon/heat sources.

**CLEAN.** Dust with a dry cloth to avoid a build up of any dirt which can dull the overall appearance and potentially cause scratches on the surface.

**PROTECT.** Use coasters, placemats, tablecloths and heat mats to protect your table. Plastic mats often contain petrochemicals, which can cause the lacquered finish to break down and are therefore best avoided.

Be careful with:

**HEAT.** Lacquered surfaces are tolerant of a bit of heat (such as plates or tea cups), but oven-to-table dishes will need a heat mat. If you can't hold it from the heat, then neither can your table.

**CONDENSATION.** From too hot or too cold pieces, a cloudiness can appear from condensation. This cannot be undone.

**WATER.** Resistant to water but note, not waterproof. So if there are any spills, always clean these up straight away so the water doesn't soak deeper into the timber and dry with a soft clean cloth.

**ALCOHOL / CHEMICAL CLEANERS / NAIL VARNISH REMOVER / FRAGRANT OILS / ANY CHEMICALS.** These will strip the lacquer should they come in contact with the lacquer surface.

**PETROCHEMICALS.** These can be present in rubber or plastic products and if left on a lacquered surface will likely lead to chemical migration, causing the lacquer to dissolve and strip away. Please be specially mindful of rubber or plastic coated sports equipment.

**SPILLS.** Use a damp cloth to mop up any spills and then buff with a dry cloth (a microfibre cloth is perfect). Always move in the same direction as the natural grain.

**DECORATIVE OBJECTS.** Be sure to use felt protectors on the base of any decorative pieces you use on the surface to avoid scratches.

*This furniture is not designed for outdoor or outdoor undercover use, but even if kept inside, fading and movement of the timber is inevitable over time. Temperature and humidity changes can cause small imperfections, cracks or colour changes to occur, but these are a natural part of an organic product such as hardwood and part of the beauty of their individuality.*