

SCANDINAVIAN REDWOOD TIMBER

The timber used is high grade Scandinavian Redwood (*Pinus Sylvestris*) which is pressure impregnated during manufacture to protect the wood from rot or decay over a long period of up to twenty years. The timber is certified under PEFC (BMT-PEFC-0020) or FSC (TT-COC-003092) certification schemes. As the wood is slow grown in a harsh climatic area compared to the UK or other temperate zones the result produces a dense and easily machinable timber. The factory treatment complies with EU regulations and requirements under BS EN599 using either Tanalith E or Wolmanite CX containing copper and organic azoles which become fixed on impregnation giving long term protection to the timber.

TIMBER MAINTENANCE

We recommend that the products are left outside all year round as natural moistures which are drawn out of the wood in summer are then replaced in the wetter winter months.

The products timber requires some ongoing treatment to maintain the protection and longevity of the wood and this is recommended every two years. This can be done more regularly if preferred or if the furniture is in a coastal or exposed position. Pepe Furniture Protector has been developed for this specific purpose and is colourless. It is designed to protect the wood and repel moisture and reduce the appearance of the natural shake cracks that may appear in the wood. Application is easy by brush or sponge and the wood oil comes with full instructions. Autumn is a good time to carry this work out whilst the timber is dry after summer time and will easily absorb the wood oil. The 1litre tin is sufficient for either size of swing,rocking chairs or sunbeds. The 2.5litre tin is sufficient for either a 4 or 6 person table setting. The product can be sent by post or delivered with other items.

ADVICE TO CUSTOMERS REGARDING INITIAL TREATMENT TO NEW FURNITURE

The unprecedented weather conditions that the UK has been subjected to for the last few summers have caused us to re-evaluate the advice given to our purchasers. 2012 was the wettest summer for over 100 years interspersed with periods of warmth and dryness have resulted in considerably more water ingress into the timber followed by egress when the timber has dried out.

This has resulted in the timber showing more shake cracks than normally expected. We have been in consultation with a specialist timber protection company and have jointly produced a new preparation based on wax resin in the white spirit. The material soaks straight into new timber reducing but not eliminating the ingress of moisture considerably and at the same time bringing out a rich appearance in the grain of the timber.

We are supplying a free tin (size dependent on order size) of this preparation to all purchasers of furniture from now on but not to purchasers of add on or accessory type items. What we would recommend to our purchasers is that they apply this material as soon as the products first go outside. Having been stored for some months in the dry ambient temperature warehouse the first exposure can be something of a shock to the structure of the timber which will benefit considerably, from receiving an immediate coating.

The most important part to cover with a generous coating is all the top upward facing surfaces (i.e. the table top, chair, swing and all other seating parts including the arms and to the exposed end grain). Only use what remains to cover the underside parts. The most efficient application is by brush and this also allows to get the material between the seat slats. Do not apply a second coat as it will not absorb into the wood and will leave a sticky surface that that will attract dust and grime. If you plan to paint or stain the furniture then do not apply the material as other products will not absorb or adhere to the timber or the top of the Furniture Protector.

Please do not apply more than one coat as the second coat will not absorb into the timber and will remain wet on the surface. Please ensure a protective cover is placed under furniture being treated as it will stain any surface if in direct contact.

FABRICS

Swing Canopies - Mesh - PVC coated polyester can be washed or scrubbed with warm soapy water and rinsed by hose.

Swing Canopies - Fabric - 100% polypropylene can be washed with warm soapy water and rinsed by hose.

Cushions / Scatter Cushions / Cushion Pads - 100% acrylic can be washed with warm soapy water and rinsed by hose.

TIMBER COLOUR VARIATION

The colour of the timber and the pressure treatment given may result in an overall colour variation in new products. This is caused by differences in the age of the timber and from which part of the trunk the timber comes from. The treatment process includes a green colouration which may also produce a variation in the colouration.

In some cases purchasers will find timber showing a pinker or whiter finish. These are invariably pieces from the heartwood at the core of the tree. The wood is so dense at this point that the pressure treatment cannot penetrate and as such it does not actually need a treatment as the density will give ample protection alone. The furniture will all mellow in sunlight to a golden and silvery colour quite quickly once outside so any colour differences will merge together within a couple of months.

There may be marks seen on the timber when new. These are batten marks when the timber was stacked before pressure treatment and they will disappear when the furniture has been exposed to sunlight.

CRACKS

The furniture is constructed of dense grained timber and will expand and contract in wet, dry, hot and cold conditions. The expansion and contraction of the wood is a natural breathing in different climatic conditions and the timber

will compensate by developing minor shake cracks which should not give rise for concern. If unable to move in this way the wood would warp. The Timber Research and Development Association have confirmed that such shakes do not affect the durability or safety of the products. Indeed some purchasers actually appreciate this feature as part of the naturalness of the range. The appearance of shakes will be more marked in summer when the timber is drier than in winter when the wood expands and is generally carrying more moisture.

MOVING AND/OR MOWING AROUND A SWING IN THE GARDEN/SITTING ON A LAWN

If moving a swing for any reason (mowing, to catch or be out of the sun or just for a change of view) the seat should first be removed from the hanging hooks and carried separately and the frame part should be lifted from under the lower cross members either side (not lifted under the side tables).

Dragging the swing on grass or on a patio will cause strain to the top joint between the top beam and the legs even with the metal anchor brackets fitted in position. If the swing is to remain in one position on the lawn it is suggested that a small slab be set flush in the turf under each leg. This will assist to keep moisture off the base of the leg whilst also allowing the mower or strimmer up to the edge without scuffing the product.

DON'T FORGET TO PAINT ON THE FURNITURE PROTECTOR AS SOON AS THE PRODUCT IS ASSEMBLED, UNLESS ANOTHER FINISH IS TO BE APPLIED.