

SUTHERLAND

Care and Maintenance



Sutherland Style

Sutherland takes the natural durability and good looks of teak to the next level. Our innovative furniture is designed for conversations, relaxation and comfort. With our pieces, you can create a usable and enjoyable exterior environment that brings the grace of the indoors to the outside or the beauty of nature inside to any room.

Sutherland's world-renowned designers create collections with unique designs ranging from classic to modern. David Sutherland's passion for beauty and craftsmanship drives our innovative, sophisticated style. Each piece reflects genuine quality with welcoming proportions and handcrafted details. There are many collections available, with pieces that perfectly complement any style.



Teak

Sutherland crafts fine outdoor furniture from teak, a unique wood known for durability, beauty and sustainability. Sutherland strives to use teak from regulated, sustainable farms in order to protect trees growing in the wild. On these plantations, new trees are planted for every tree that is harvested to make furniture. As a renewable resource, teak is not an endangered species, so there is never a shortage of this sturdy, beautiful wood.

The natural characteristics of teak give it several advantages in outdoor furniture. Teak is an extremely dense, grained hardwood, which helps it resist rot, warping, shrinking and swelling. It is resistant to moisture thanks to a high content of oil and silicates that acts as a rubber-like barrier in the wood. Teak is often preferred because it is also both weather and insect resistant.

Teak beautifies over time with a silver patina giving it a richness and stately appearance. This slow, natural weathering results in outdoor furniture that adds character to any outdoor room and blends effortlessly into the natural environment.

Teak Finish Options:



Natural

Weathered

Clear Sealer



Maintenance

Sutherland furniture is an ideal choice for any space.

Following these simple maintenance tips will ensure a lifetime of enjoyment.

NATURAL TEAK

For outdoor use, we recommend spraying your natural teak furniture with water as often as you water your own garden. You should also give it a thorough cleaning twice a year to remove surface dirt, slight discoloration and environmental buildup. Begin by wetting the surface of the teak, and then use a soft brush and a solution of mild cleanser and water to scrub the surface. Rinse well and let dry in the sun.

WEATHERED TEAK

Over time, your furniture will turn from its original honey brown color to a rich, silver weathered patina. The Sutherland weathered finish lets you enjoy the silver patina from the start. You can remove stains, small marks or surface imperfections from weathered teak by lightly sanding it with fine sandpaper. Since the weathering only takes place on the surface, sanded areas require a little time to return to a silver patina.



Teak Finishes

CLEAR SEALER

Clear sealer helps to maintain teak's original color. Furniture with clear sealer should be cleansed monthly by rinsing with water and wiping with a soft cloth. Periodic sanding and reapplication of the clear sealer is required. Before reapplication, we recommend first cleaning the furniture with soap and water. Then allow it to dry, and wipe the entire piece with acetone using a light abrasive pad. Reapply the sealer using a clean cloth for up to six light coats as needed. After all coats are applied, wipe the furniture with a clean cloth to even out the finish.

HIGH-GLOSS YACHT FINISH

In tradition with the world's great shipbuilders, the Sutherland yacht finish reveals the beauty of teak's original color and grain like no other. Up to twelve coats of high-gloss varnish are hand-applied. The furniture is carefully sanded and buffed between each coat and the results are simply breathtaking. Periodic reapplication of varnish is required by a professional. This finish should be cleaned periodically with soap and water and a soft cloth.



Metal Finishes

POWDER COATED COMPONENTS

Powder coating is used on our aluminum frames to provide the toughest, most durable finish available for outdoor furniture. Powder coated frames should be washed with soap, water and a soft cloth. Powder coated furniture should not be dragged, or it may scratch the coating, causing the finish to fail over time.

STAINLESS STEEL FINISHES

Stainless steel components can rust under certain conditions. Sutherland adds a nano finish to polished stainless steel components to ward off the potential for rust. To clean polished stainless steel, use water, soap and a fine cloth. Do not use an abrasive cleaner or abrasive cloth of any kind or scratches may be created on the stainless steel.

COR-TEN (CORTEN) STEEL

Cor-Ten Steel, also called weathering steel, is developed to form a stable rust-like appearance. The only maintenance required is periodic cleaning and inspection. Use water to rinse off any dirt and/or contaminants. The patina developed over time will continue to blend, darken and improve with age, exposing deeper, more earthy tones in the metal.

ZINC

Zinc goes through a weathering process that has two steps. The first step gives the zinc a white chalky appearance and texture that will rub off on clothing. The second step replaces the chalky texture with a gray/white patina, with no residue. If zinc is used indoors, it may oxidize depending on the humidity of the area. To clean zinc when indoors (when it has not oxidized), simply use a dry cloth. To speed up the oxidation process, zinc can be watered down and then let dry. The more this is repeated, the more reaction it will cause, speeding up the process. Before oxidation is complete, drops of water may cause spots, which will oxidize eventually.



Sutherland Woven

WOVEN

Sutherland Woven items are all-season synthetics, hand-woven construction over teak or powder coated aluminum frames with stainless steel hardware. Crafted to last for years, Sutherland woven items are resistant to fading, frost, heat, chlorine, alcohol and salt. To maintain this rugged material, clean with mild soap and water, rinse thoroughly and allow to dry before reattaching cushions (when applicable). For heavy buildup of dirt and residue, use a mild detergent with water and a low pressure hose. Loosen soil with a soft bristle brush and rinse thoroughly with water.

PERENNIALS ROPE

Perennials Solution-Dyed Acrylic Rope is featured on several Sutherland collections. This material is a colorfast, durable and all-season synthetic rope that is hand-woven onto powder coated aluminum or solid teak frames with stainless steel hardware. Designed for longevity, this rope will not fade, and is resistant to frost, heat, chlorine, alcohol and salt. To best preserve the beauty of your Sutherland furniture, brush or vacuum any loose dirt from the surface of the product. If heavier buildup of dirt or other residues exist, use a mild detergent with water and a low pressure hose. Gently loosen soil as needed with a soft-bristle brush and rinse thoroughly with water. For more persistent staining, a 50/50 mixture of bleach and water can be applied to the stain. Thorough rinsing is essential. Allow to air dry before reattaching cushions (where applicable).

STRUCTURED MESH

To clean Textilene® structured woven material, use a soft sponge with a solution of one-cup mild detergent (we recommend Dawn® dish washing liquid) with one-cup household bleach in three gallons of water. Rinse thoroughly with clear water and air-dry completely. Treat any stains as soon as possible. Do not use any abrasive household cleaners.



Outdoor Cushions and Upholstery

The following procedures are recommended for the care of premium outdoor fabrics, such as Perennials® (if using other fabrics, please follow the manufacturer's guidelines). To maintain cushions, use a mild cleaner like natural soap and lukewarm water, Formula 409® or Simple Green®. Sponge the cleaner briskly and rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove any dirt then air dry.

Please note that mildew may grow on dirt and residue that has not been removed from the fabric. As with any fine furnishings, use good judgment when exposing cushions to risks such as wildlife or extreme weather.

For cleaning cushions constructed of exterior-use foam, we recommend flushing with water and air-drying without removing the cover. Repeatedly removing the cover may eventually break down the seams and distort the fabric.

USING OUTDOOR FURNITURE INSIDE

The only maintenance required for using outdoor furniture inside is dusting the surfaces with a soft cloth. Do not use silicate based cleaners. Please be aware that with normal use, the overall appearance of unfinished teak will oxidize and darken over time. Also in areas where skin contacts unfinished teak, natural oils from the skin will darken the wood.

TEAK OIL STAINS

Teak is rich in natural oils and silicates. The normal teak weathering process brings oil to the surface of the teak, which often stains cushions. Fabric stained by teak oil can be cleaned with soap and water. Please be aware that this is a naturally repeating process that cannot be prevented. New or very young teak will experience natural oil surfacing that appears like a "watermark" or irregular pattern type of discoloration. These areas are a part of the natural maturing process and can be easily removed with gentle washing with soap and water.



Stone Tops

NATURAL STONE

Sutherland stone and marble tops have a sealer applied on them before leaving our production facility. While we use the highest quality product available, we do not guarantee them to be “stain proof.” However, the application of a sealer reduces the stone’s vulnerability to staining. As with any natural material, chemicals and stains can penetrate and damage the surface. To keep our stone tops looking their very best for years to come, it is best to clean any spills right away. If a discoloration occurs, there are several options for cleaning. First, we recommend cleaning with water, soap and a soft cloth. If the stain is persistent, we recommend using Marseille Soap Flakes, or American Home K2r spray to remove the discoloration. If the stain is recent, apply the cleaning product and let it work for 1-2 minutes. If the stain is older, allow the cleaning product to work for 1-2 hours to allow time for absorption of all the grease. Avoid abrasive cleaners or cloths as this can scratch or pit the surface. Part of the normal maintenance on stone includes periodically resealing the tops. To test whether your stone needs to be resealed, place a small water drop on the stone and leave it for several minutes. If the water is absorbed, it is time to reseat. Please contact your Sutherland Sales Support for stone-based sealer recommendations.

GLAZED LAVA STONE

Sutherland lava stone is cut from the hardened lava flows from Italy’s Mt. Vesuvius. It is a natural product and has been glazed for additional protection and beauty. Under normal wear and tear, your lava stone should not need much more than an occasional cleaning using a soft cloth with soap and water. If, however, a material known to stain most items is spilled and allowed to dry on the surface, it is possible that a stain may occur. Sutherland recommends cleaning up the stain immediately with soap and water. If the stain does not come out, we recommend diluting FILACLEANER or FILAPS87 in lukewarm water to help remove any stains that may occur. Once cleaned with the Fila cleaner(s), we recommend applying FILAMP90 ECO PLUS to a dry surface, per the instructions on the container.



Other Materials

ECOPLEX

Ecoplex is a resin-based recycled composite designed to be resistant to moisture, fading, insects, splintering and most other hazards of environmental exposure. Its high color stability UV pigment systems minimize material breakdown, helping Ecoplex retain a vibrant look for years, even with prolonged exposure to the sun. Clean Ecoplex with water and a soft cloth. If dirt or dust has accumulated on the surface for an extended period of time, use dish soap to remove it. Ecoplex should not stain with normal use. However, if it develops discoloration of any kind, a solution of water and white vinegar may be used to remove it. Although Ecoplex will last many years, it is susceptible to scratching.

GLASS FIBER REINFORCED CONCRETE

Glass Fiber Reinforced Concrete (GFRC) is comprised of marine-grade material, making items made of this composite suitable for both indoor and outdoor use. Sutherland John Dickinson Collection pieces made with GFRC are standard in a matte white finish. GFRC material is more susceptible to staining than wood. Sutherland does not guarantee these products to be “stain proof.” For regular cleaning, use a damp cloth to remove dust and dirt. A mild soap solution may also be used if necessary. Do not use harsh solvents or industrial cleaners. It is very important to clean spills as soon as possible to avoid long-term stains. Please contact Sutherland Customer Service for recommendations.

TERRACOTTA

Sutherland Domani pieces are handmade using a natural material that varies in color, texture and appearance. Each planter includes a drainage hole to allow water in the soil to drain freely. The Linea Small, Linea Medium and Luna are not frost proof due to their shape, and if these three are left outdoors where temperatures get near or below freezing, they may crack. We recommend protecting these three planters by inserting a Styrofoam layer in the inner walls prior to planting. To clean terracotta, simply wash it with a mild soap and water.

Sutherland Furniture Covers

During the harsh winter months, rainy seasons, or for furniture simply left unattended for extended periods of time, Sutherland offers furniture covers to protect your investment from the elements. All of our outdoor collections are available with contour-fitted furniture covers that feature heavy-duty exterior zippers and rugged seam construction. The standard color is gray; however, custom colors and sizes can also be ordered. Each cover includes a storage bag.



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