

Garden Trading®

Poly Cement Furniture Customer Guide

Poly cement is an organic material which responds to light and daily use. This can result in brighter or darker surface tones, as well as differences in structure and surface; the edges and central area of your tabletop may feature small inconspicuous holes. There will never be two poly cement tabletops that are 100% identical. These special characteristics do not affect your furniture's lifespan, quality and durability and are not indicative of any errors or production defects.

Care & Maintenance:

To prolong the life of your poly cement furniture, we recommend the following:

- Poly cement has an open pore structure, making your table sensitive to grease, liquids and colour dyes. During production, its surface was treated to increase its resistance to stains but should be maintained 1-2 times a year with a concrete sealer, which can be purchased at your local home improvement store.
- Poly cement must not be exposed to very hot or especially cold items, as condensation may form due to prolonged exposure. It is therefore advisable to always use place mats on your tabletop.
- Poly cement should not be exposed to acid or acidic products; including red wine, juice or lemon; these liquids may cause stains if they are not immediately removed.
- Grease and dirt on your table top can cause stains and break down the barrier provided by its sealant.
- Do not use chemicals, acidic products or solvents to clean your furniture. If spills occur, it is important that your table is immediately cleaned with an ordinary solution of PH neutral soap and a soft cloth, otherwise there may be spots and blotches which are not covered by its warranty. Afterwards, wipe with a soft, dry cloth.
- Small scratches can be easily removed with poly cement protection. Calcium spots can be treated in the same way.
- If your poly cement table top takes a long time to dry after cleaning, this is an indication that it needs to be treated with cement sealer again, to maintain its durability.

Storage & Relocation Guidance:

- To protect it from the elements, we recommend storing your poly cement furniture in a cool, well-ventilated garden shed, garage or outhouse over the winter months, making sure it is completely dry beforehand.
- When relocating your furniture, it is essential to minimise rapid changes in temperature to allow your furniture to acclimatise in its new environment. Care must be taken to avoid moving your furniture from a cold environment straight into a heated room, as the sharp change in temperature and humidity may cause its protective seal to deteriorate.
- Do not expose your furniture to the elements during winter; a protective covering should be used to maintain its peak condition. This should be waterproof, UV resistant and feature vents to allow excess moisture to escape easily. Prevent condensation between the poly cement and cover by fastening your cover securely, but loosely. If an outdoor furniture cover freezes to your tabletop, it can permanently damage it. It is advisable to avoid covering your furniture for long time periods, as this can cause mould to develop.

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