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# Product Care

Caring for Your  
McGuire Furniture

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Thank you for choosing McGuire.  
Please find enclosed tips and  
instructions on how to care for your  
new handcrafted furniture.  
We also encourage you to visit  
our website -  
[www.mcguirefurniture.com](http://www.mcguirefurniture.com) -  
a frequently updated, comprehensive  
resource for accessing product  
descriptions, specifications, answers  
to frequently asked questions, as well  
as this product care information.

Welcome to McGuire, we hope you  
feel right at home.

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## Caring for Your Indoor Furniture

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### Rattan and Wood Finishes

Regular care and maintenance are the most important elements in the care of McGuire rattan and wood. Our recommendations for preserving the life of each rattan or wood piece:

- Standard stained finishes may be cleaned with a soft, damp, lint-free cloth and dried immediately with another soft, dry cloth. To avoid creating swirl marks, always wipe with long straight strokes rather than circular motions.
- When dusting, do not use any product with an oil-based polish, or products that contain silicon as they can damage the finish.
- Your McGuire furniture, like all woodwork, is subject to expansion and contraction with humidity changes. Moderating the temperature and humidity swings around your furniture will help to preserve its finish as well as its overall structure.

Please note: Objects with protective feet made of rubber or plastic may contain a plasticizing agent that discolors or softens the finish when placed on furniture. Always use felt pads to prevent discoloration.

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## Crackle, Glazed and Painted Surfaces

Due to their fragile nature, crackle and painted finishes are only recommended for residential use.

- For cleaning, use mild soapy water and then dry the piece immediately with a clean, soft cloth.
- These finishes should not be waxed, as they may acquire an undesirable sheen.
- Paint and glazes applied to woven peel, caning or bamboo surfaces do not adhere as well as they do to rattan or other hardwoods and some chipping may occur. McGuire does not guarantee the adhesion of painted finishes on these natural materials.

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## Bamboo Tables

McGuire bamboo tables require little care other than regular dusting with a soft cloth. A light buffing with a soft, dry cloth will create a soft sheen.

- For cleaning heavy spills and stains, use a mild soapy water solution on a damp cloth and then dry the piece immediately with a clean, soft cloth.
- Special care should be given to cleaning the rawhide bindings; application of liquids to rawhide should be minimal.
- Should a split appear on the surface of the bamboo, it will not affect the structural integrity of the table in any way. This is a natural reaction to temperature and humidity changes; tables are built around a steel base.

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## Black Patent Finish

- Due to its high-sheen, Black Patent requires extra care to ensure it maintains its luster.
- To clean, first remove loose dust with a feather duster. Not doing so may cause small scratches in the finish.
- After dust has been removed, clean with a soft, moist, lint-free cloth and dry immediately with another soft, dry cloth.

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## Stone and Concrete

Marble and granite are porous and will stain if left unprotected.

- Food and spills should be blotted up immediately with a soft, damp cloth.
- Clean with mild detergent and warm water, rinse with clean water and wipe with a clean, soft cloth. Never use abrasive cleaners.
- If this is unsuccessful, repeat with white vinegar.
- Regularly polish with a non-yellowing paste wax.
- A stain-proof sealer is recommended. Select stone tops include a Dry-Treat Sealer™. This sealer is an invisible and breathable sealer with a 15-year warranty. Ask customer service for details.

Travertine and limestone are soft, and may require additional care to maintain luster.

- Pure water (pH neutral) or pure water with mild soap (Ivory®) is best for cleaning these stones.
- Due to their chemical nature, acids may react with the stone, etching its surface.

Concrete is a durable material, used indoors and out.

- Tops are triple-sealed, oiled and waxed.
- Clean with soap and water, use Bar Keepers Friend® for tougher stains.

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## Ceramic

The ceramic used to create McGuire furniture is a very durable, vitreous stoneware-casting body that has been fired to 2165° F.

- Spills on ceramic items should be blotted up immediately with a soft, damp cloth.
- Clean with mild soap and warm water, rinse with clean water and wipe with a clean, soft cloth.
- Outdoor ceramic pieces should be covered during freezing conditions, including snow and ice.

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## Leather

Leather is a durable and practical covering. And because it is a natural product, it needs little or no care during normal use. The leather we carefully select is minimally processed and softened. It will naturally exhibit markings and variations inherent in the material, making each piece unique and in no way should be considered a defect. The leather will develop a rich patina over time and use.

- For spots and spills, blot excess liquid immediately with a clean, absorbent cloth or sponge. If necessary, use clear, lukewarm water and gently wipe the spill. Pat with a clean towel and allow to air dry.
- For stubborn spots and stains, use a mild solution of Ivory® soap and clear, lukewarm water. Apply the soap with a clean, wet sponge, then rinse well and let air dry naturally. Always try the cleaning method in a hidden area first to be sure it is colorfast.
- For butter, oil or grease, wipe excess oil with a clean, dry cloth, and leave it alone. The spot should dissipate into the leather over time.
- Do not apply water to an oil-based stain.
- Never use saddle soap, abrasive cleanser, soap, furniture polish oil, varnish or ammonia water.
- Note: The preceding remedies are in accordance with general cleaning industry procedures. We cannot guarantee results, and we assume no liability in connection with their use.

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## Rawhide

Rawhide is a natural material, and unlike leather, rawhide is untreated prior to the staining process. Innately, this material can expand and contract in environments that reach extremely hot or cold temperatures.

- Clean rawhide with Pledge Wipes® or saddle soap followed by leather moisturizer applied with a soft cloth.



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## Textiles

Select indoor/outdoor performance fabrics are 100% solution-dyed acrylic with a soil-resistant finish and come with a three-year warranty against fading.

- Clean with a natural soap in lukewarm water. Sponge briskly and rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove dirt. Air dry.
- Diluted chlorine bleach will not affect the coloration of the fiber and is therefore acceptable for stain removal. Chlorine, however, can eventually affect the strength of any fiber or cloth. We suggest a solution of one part bleach to two parts water. Thorough rinsing is essential.
- Professional cleaning is always recommended for tough stains. Repeated washing may reduce the effectiveness of the soil-resistant finish.
- To preserve the longevity of textiles/cushions, store indoors (or cover) during inclement weather.

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## Copper Tables

Robert Kuo copper tables have an antique copper finish that is sealed with a clear lacquer to delay patina and oxidation; copper is a natural material that will constantly change due to the environmental elements.

- Dust with a soft, dry, clean cloth and a light application of non-wax dusting spray. Periodically clean with a carnauba-based furniture wax (such as Pate Dugay). The furniture wax will help protect the longevity of the lacquer seal and maintain its natural beauty.
- Any water/liquid spilled on the tables should be blotted off immediately.
- Do not place hot objects directly on the surface of the tables.
- Use felt pads on any pieces placed on top of the table to avoid scratches.

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## Repoussé

Robert Kuo repoussé pieces are finished in Antique Copper, Black Copper, Silver Plate or 24KT Gold Plate.

- Cleaning solutions will alter the finish/plate.
- Repoussé vases require a liner for fresh water arrangements.
- Repoussé accessories and furniture will patina when placed outdoors.
- For Antique/Black Copper finish: light application of Endust® (the non-wax dusting spray) with a soft, dry cloth.
- For Silver Plate only: Gently rub with a silver cleaning cloth for silver plate.
- For Silver/24KT Gold Plate only: Apply small amount of extra mild cleaning polish.

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## Lacquer

Robert Kuo lacquer pieces are made with 60 coats of organic lacquer. Each coat is 1 to 2.5 mm thick, applied over a repoussé base.

- Use a light application of neutral-color furniture wax for maintenance.

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## Cloisonné

Cloisonné is an artform that delicately integrates copper-and-porcelain-working skills with traditional painting and etching.

- Feather duster or wipe with soft, dry cloth.
- Cloisonné pieces are vulnerable to chipping and scratches.
- Cloisonné is not repairable.

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## Peking Glass

Robert Kuo glass pieces are made by forming hollow glass from layers upon layers of glass, by either free-blowing or mold-blowing. Skilled jade carvers shape and polish the final product.

- Wipe with a soft, dry, clean cloth and/or a duster.

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## Stellalite

Stellalite is a 100% acrylic, non-porous composite sheet material; it is mold, bacteria and impact resistant.

- Occasionally clean the surface with soap, water and an ammonia-based cleanser using a sponge or damp cloth. Towel dry. For severe stains, use an abrasive cleanser and a green Scotch-Brite™ pad in a circular motion.
- To remove cuts or scratches, sand with 180 grit (120 micron) or 220 grit (60 micron) fine sandpaper until the cut or scratch is removed.
- Restore finish with soap, water and a green Scotch-Brite™ pad and match the finish of the adjacent surface.

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## Natural Fibers

Abaca is a rapidly-renewable, environmentally-friendly resource.

- Wet spills should never be wiped; they should be blotted immediately. Apply warm, soapy water to the stain with a clean, wet cloth. Blot with a dry cloth to soak up spills and water. Repeat until area is dry and free of stain.
- For dry spills, remove loose debris with handheld vacuum or standard vacuum with hose attachment. Do not drag bristles or vacuum head across the surface as this will damage the weave.

Danish Cord is a natural material created by weaving twisted three-ply paper material over a wire cord.

- Wet spills should never be wiped; they should be blotted immediately using a clean, damp rag. Do not use too much water, as this will eventually break down the fiber. Blot with a dry cloth to soak up the spill and water. Repeat until Danish Cord is dry and free of stain.
- For dry spills, remove loose debris with handheld vacuum or standard vacuum with hose attachment. Do not drag bristles or vacuum head across Danish Cord.

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## Metals

Most metals are not intended for outdoor use or areas with high exposure to salty air.

- To clean, wipe with a soft, clean, damp cloth. Do not use any polishes, chemical cleaners or abrasives as they may harm the finish.

Textured Brass is produced with a patina and protective clear coat.

- To clean subtle oxidation in the sculpted details, clean the area with a brass-wire brush, using light strokes to not damage the finish underneath the oxidation.
- If there is oxidation in hard to reach corners, you can use the tip of a knife to remove the material.
- You may use a diluted solution of dish soap to help break up the oxidized material.
- Once all oxidation is removed, apply a very light coat of standard clear-coat lacquer. We recommend a spray can with satin finish. Use sparingly and only on those areas affected.

Hand Cast Brass will, over time, earn a few nicks and scratches and the tone will become richer.

- We do not recommend using any liquid or other chemical product. Only use a dry, clean, soft cloth to gently buff or dust the surface as needed.
- The chemical patina on the surface is not a paint. As such, any cleaning or rubbing should be done very delicately to avoid exposing the underlying metal.
- If a sealer must be used on the piece to prevent frequent oxidation, we recommend Renaissance wax as it is intended for metal and will not affect the color of the finish. As with all chemicals, one should test it first on a small non-visible portion of the piece.

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Polished Nickel has a lacquered topcoat, which significantly inhibits the oxidation process of the finish.

- To clean, wipe with a soft, clean, damp cloth. Do not use any polishes, chemical cleaners or abrasives as they may harm the finish.

Blackened Steel evokes a hand-forged look, lending itself well to wear.

- To clean, wipe with clean, soft cloth and Shine-up (3M product).

Stainless Steel is extremely durable, stands up to many chemicals and resists corrosion.

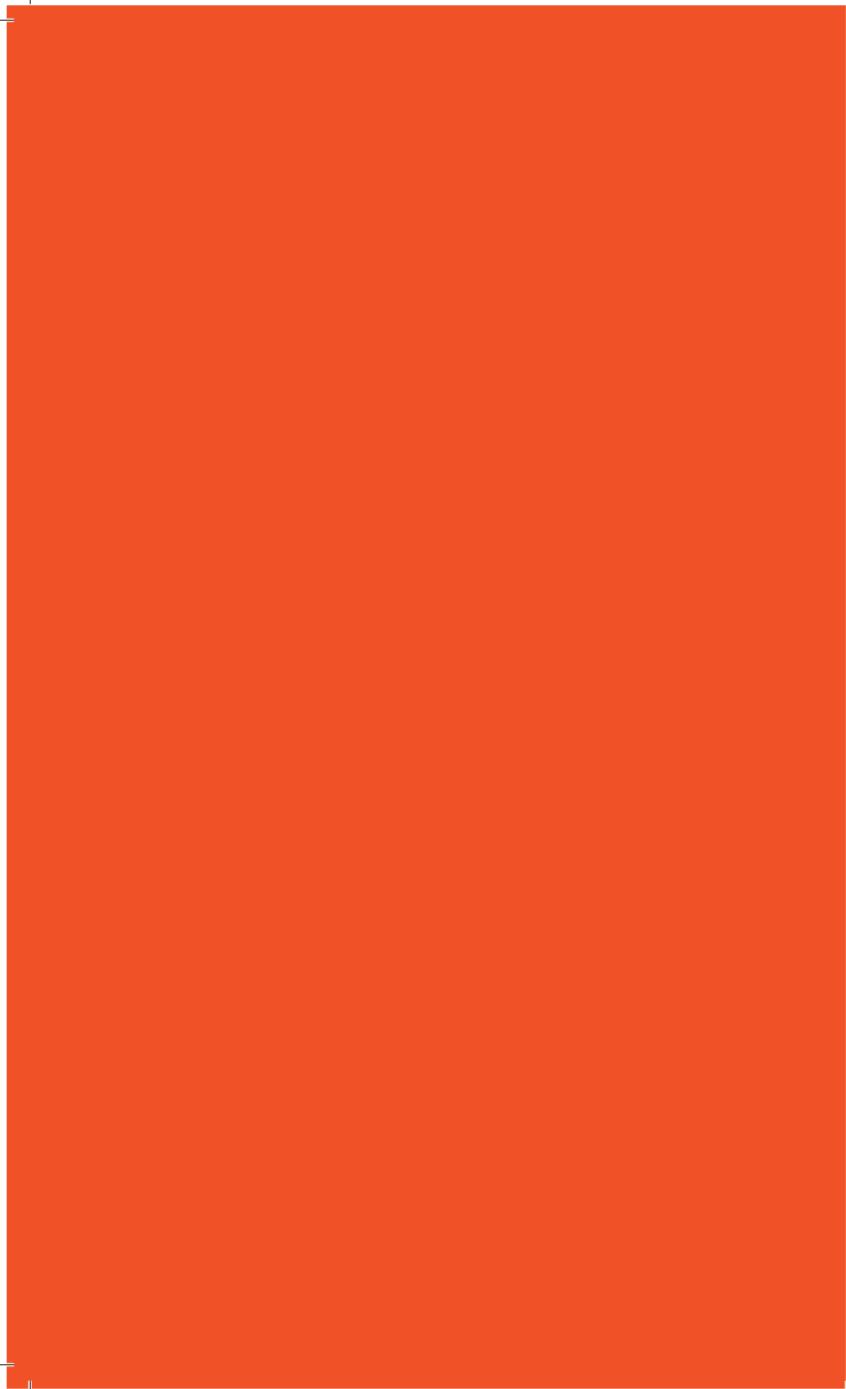
- To prevent rust, we recommend cleaning frequently with mild, soapy water and a soft cotton cloth.
- Any discoloration or corrosion should be removed as soon as possible, to avoid permanent discoloration.
- For tougher discoloration, use a stainless steel cleaner with a Scotch-Brite™ pad. Rinse surface thoroughly with water.

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### Other Tips to Preserve Your Furniture Investment

- Spills should never be wiped; blot immediately.
- If candle wax drops on a finished wood surface, hold an ice cube to the wax to harden it. Use a dull, plastic spatula to remove the wax and then polish the area with furniture wax.
- Wood is a natural product. Sun bleaching may occur when wood is exposed to sunlight, incandescent or fluorescent lighting. This may cause darker finishes to lighten and lighter finishes may darken. Arrange your furniture so that it does not sit near heat registers, air conditioner units, radiators or direct light sources.

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### Solid Teak

McGuire Teak, plantation grown *Tectona Grandis*, is one of the world's most durable and solid-grained woods. Waterproof glue is used with zinc-plated bolts and locknuts. Teak reacts to the elements better than any other wood. However, it will start to deteriorate after a season or two of neglect. Most of our teak frames are delivered unfinished so that you may allow them to season. The oiled wood will weather as it reacts, mellowing with time. As it ages, it will discolor until, eventually, it turns silvery grey.

- Once your furniture has mellowed to the desired color, you may seal it with a teak oil to maintain its color. We recommend Defoil Marine Teakwood Finish - Natural or Daly's® SeaFin Teak Oil™, which can be purchased at most marine supply and some paint and hardware stores. Remember to follow the manufacturer's directions and safety precautions when using this type of oil. To maintain teak's original condition, annual applications of oil are required.
- Select frames have teak with a weathered finish. To prolong this finish, cover your furniture when not in use. If left uncovered, the weathered finish will fade away leaving the unfinished teak exposed to the elements. This exposed teak will begin to acquire a silvery grey patina that is typical of untreated teak.

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- During the outdoor months, teak frames should be periodically scrubbed down with a non-abrasive detergent using a bristle brush and plenty of water.
  - Cushions should not remain on the teak surfaces for extended periods of time. As teak's tannins rise to the surface, they may stain the upholstery. Frequent wiping of the teak surfaces will minimize this.
  - In some climates, extreme temperature changes can cause the wood grain to rise slightly. To maintain desired texture, lightly rub with fine sandpaper or steel wool.

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### Woven Resin and Aluminum

Some outdoor collections are constructed of resin fibers expertly woven onto powder-coated aluminum frames. Both woven resin and aluminum are low maintenance, extremely weather resistant, durable and long lasting.

- Woven resin frames are fade and stain resistant and guaranteed for up to three years; UV and bacteria resistant.
- To clean woven resin or aluminum, hose or wipe with water or a mild soap solution.

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- Our outdoor cushions are constructed to the industry standard of indoor fill with waterproof casing, which provides a sit as comfortable as any indoor cushion while standing up to outdoor elements.



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