



**Care instructions  
wooden furniture & accessories**





## Care instructions for our solid wood furniture and accessories

### Introduction and basic knowledge:

Solid wood is one of the most sustainable natural products and the production of wood creates very less carbon footprint. Wood is produced using energy from the sun as opposed to fossil fuels. Manufacturing processes associated with wood products require less fossil fuel-based energy and are responsible for far less greenhouse gas emissions than the manufacture of other major building materials. Wood varies in colour and grain, depending on the location of the original tree. Wood adapts itself according to humidity and temperature, which means it expands and contracts against its grain in different climates. DEUTSU is very aware of these facts and selects its used timber according to those facts. For this reason, DEUTSU develops the designs that allow for expansion or contraction of the solid wood, when temperature and/or humidity changes. The room humidity ranged between 45 and 65 percent is an optimum room climate. However, there might be slight variations in width and height, due to seasonal changes of humidity. The solid wood may also be subject to color change under the influence of some types of artificial lights or UV rays such as sunlight. Lighter woods normally tend to become darker with age, whereas darker woods fade under the UV and ageing process. This is a normal natural process and should not be misinterpreted as defect of the wood.

### Daily care and cleaning:

Solid wood furniture is a very durable and long lasting product. With the right and proper care, the quality and beauty of the furniture can be easily maintained over the years. The patina of wood, which commonly occurs over time, will add even more depth to the natural beauty of the material. Susceptible substances and heavy dirt and fluids should be removed immediately to prevent damage of the surface. We recommend the use of proper paper tissue or a dry cotton cloth to swap the damaging substances carefully and completely. The surface should be oiled if it feels dry and rough to touch. This becomes apparently over time with general use of the furniture. DEUTSU uses only ecological, solvent-free, non-flammable environmentally friendly oil from our local supplier. The treatment should be applied with an impregnated cloth. The oil needs nearly half a day to soak into the surface properly. Repeat the process if the wood still absorb oil. The same cloth should be used in order to prevent using too much unnecessary oil. Freshly oiled wood surfaces could still release oil. Please be aware that it could stain fabric placed on top of it. Therefore direct contact with fabric should be avoided as long as the surface is still oily.

### Stain treatment:

DEUTSU provides a service kit on request. This kit helps to remove stains and to conduct minor repairs by yourself. A damp cloth is recommended to remove stains by wiping over the effected surface carefully. All treatment should be executed in the same direction of the wood grain. In case of water marks and grease stains, the best treatment is to use a damp cloth. When necessary, wipe damp cloth with a mild soap carefully. Deeper remaining stains need a different treatment. It might be necessary to sand the affected area with a sandpaper with 150-180 grain. Sanding should always be executed in the same direction of the wood grain. Make sure that the wood is completely dry before start sanding. Afterwards, use a cloth from our DEUTSU maintenance kit with some oil and apply on the whole surface. Please allow oil to soak in for at least half a day before you wipe off the surface finally.

**Minor damages and how to repair them:**

In case of minor scratches or dents you should trickle some water drops on the damaged area. It has better impact if you keep the affected area damp for a longer time. We would recommend the use of a damp paper tissue, which you put on the damaged area to keep it constantly wet. The solid oak will soak the water within a few hours and will swell and rise again. In case of deeper scratches or dents it might be necessary to repeat the procedure several times until enough water is applied to the area. If available heat as an additional aid of the effect of swelling could be used to speed up the process. A possible procedure could be by holding an iron with the hot surface over the damp patch, without direct contact on the wood. After the wood has dried completely, use a sandpaper with at least 150 grain or more and gently sand the area with sandpaper or the gritty side of the sponge in the direction of the wood grain. DEUTSU maintenance kit provides a maintenance cloth, which you should use for oiling the sanded area evenly. It could be necessary to apply it to the entire table top again. Before you wipe off finally the excess oil, please let the oil soak properly into the wood (around half a day is optimal). For further instructions and questions please contact us at DEUTSU studio. We will help you to give you our best advice, if you have problems not mentioned above.

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