

RT Facts

Material Information and Care for Benches

Base Materials and Finishes:

Blackened Steel or Blackened Iron:

Our Blackening finish is our tried and true standard which we love very much. It reads as a very warm almost black color with much dimension, allowing for the texture of the metal to come through.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution.

Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

Be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved. This is a very important step in prolonging the life of the surface.

Our metal pieces are finished or sealed solid metals. For some finishes, this means that any scratches or nicks could be sanded out and refinished, however we recommend finding a trusted craftsperson for this. RT Facts does not provide this service at this time.

That said, we actually appreciate each scratch, scuff and ding and believe it only builds patina and shapes the story the piece has to tell.

Powder Coat:

Powder coating is an extremely durable finish suitable for outdoor use. We offer a wide range of standard colors to choose from and can also color-match from an RAL color number.

Your powder coated piece may be left outside in the elements twelve months out of the year. For best longevity, we recommend bringing it indoors or into a sheltered area during cold months of freezing and thawing to prevent excess wear to the surface.

Powder coating is a hand applied finish that is then baked. Although irregularities in the texture are uncommon, they are not abnormal.

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

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Do not hit or drag metal or other hard items across the surface of your item. Powder coat is susceptible to scratching and if scratched or chipping deeply enough, exposing raw metal, compromising the weatherproof capabilities of the item.

Gesso:

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.

If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution.

Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

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Solid Wood:

Unless otherwise stated, all of our wood is solid wood. We use oak, ash, walnut and pine, all sourced **XXXXXXXX**

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Our woods are finished or sealed solid woods, not veneer. For some wood species and finishes, this means that any scratches or nicks could be sanded out and refinished, however we recommend finding a trusted craftsperson for this. RT Facts does not provide this service at this time. Because our woods are finished or sealed, we do not recommend using any conditioning products on them. That said, we actually appreciate each scratch, scuff and ding and believe it only builds patina and shapes the story the piece has to tell.

Painted Solid Wood:

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.
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Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.
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We use high quality paints when finishing our wood items. To keep your painted surface looking like new, avoid prolonged exposure to liquids and place. That said, we actually appreciate each scratch, scuff and ding and believe it only builds patina and shapes the story the piece has to tell.

Antique Gold:

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.
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Seat Materials:

Fabric Upholstery:

Fabric care will depend on the composition and type of upholstery used on your item. Please refer to a trusted source for stains.
For general cleaning, vacuum your bench every so often to remove dust. To safely begin spot cleaning, use a damp, clean white cloth to blot a spill repeatedly rotating the location on the cloth and the proceeding with an appropriate solvent for your fabric composition.

Leather:

Our leather tops are either dyed or waxed, depending on specification. Our tops are not sealed from UV or moisture and will change in color, sheen and patina over time. To slow color change, keep your table out of direct sunlight but know that eventually the color will deepen.
To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.
If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water or a light cleaning solution.
Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.
Be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved. This is a very important step in prolonging the life of the surface.

Hair on Hide:

To clean, dust with dry soft cloth.
If moisture is needed, use a soft cloth dampened only by a bit of water.
Do not use harsh or abrasive chemical cleaners.

Be sure to dry the surface completely after the desired result is achieved, which can be expedited by blotting or wiping in the direction of the fur with a soft, dry cloth.
Feel free to comb your hair on hide occasionally and especially after cleaning to straighten hairs and shed any debris.