# OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE

With proper care and maintenance, Century Outdoor furniture can be enjoyed for many years. For best protection, perform routine maintenance, as recommended, in low pollution areas and more frequently in high pollution areas.

#### NATURAL TEAK FURNITURE

The natural teak furniture is crafted from sustainably -harvested plantation-grown Grade A teak. Although teak is exceptionally durable, our unfinished teak will gray over time as it is exposed to the natural elements. During the early weathering, teak will release its oils and it can stain fabric and upholstery: therefore, we recommend wiping your furniture with soap and water frequently and storing your cushions separately from the furniture to help prevent any transfer and staining of your cushions, as it is not covered under the warranty

- For day-to-day cleaning to remove dust and surface dirt, wash with a soft cloth and non-abrasive natural soap and water.
- Teak's naturally high oil content will allow it to withstand the elements; however, it will weather and gray with exposure to sun, wind, snow, etc. To maintain a golden color to your furniture, apply teak oil according to the teak oil manufacturer's recommendations.
- While weathering, teak will release its oils and it can transfer to the upholstery. During the initial weathering, we recommend removing cushions when not in use to prevent any staining. This staining on fabrics is not protected under the Century Outdoor warranty. An initial wipe down with soap and water can help remove this oil as well.

# TEAK FURNITURE WITH CENSHIELD<sup>™</sup> STAIN FINISHES

CenShield<sup>™</sup> Stain finishes are designed for full-time, year-round, outdoor enjoyment. However, like any outdoor finish, these finishes must be maintained on a regular basis.

- For day-to-day cleaning to remove dust and surface dirt, wash with a soft cloth and non-abrasive natural soap and water.
- Every year, an inspection should be performed on all surfaces for signs of wear and tear. Depending upon the environment in which your Century Outdoor furniture is used, a maintenance coat of CenShield<sup>™</sup> Stain should be applied, when required, every one to two years. See your Century Outdoor authorized dealer for restorative products. Before applying the maintenance coat, follow the maintenance and preparation instructions listed below:
  - o Spray the surface of your furniture with clean water to wet the wood.
  - Clean the surface with a solution of two ounces of Tri-Sodium Phosphate or a phosphate-free substitute plus one quart of liquid bleach in three quarts of water. Apply this solution with a garden pump sprayer to the surface.
  - Let the solution sit on the wood for fifteen to twenty minutes. Do not let the solution dry on the surface.
  - Power-wash the cleaning solution from the surface with clean water. To prevent damaging the wood, do
    not exceed 500 psi. The nozzle must be a maximum of one foot from the surface for full effectiveness. Use
    of a home garden hose (approximately 60 psi) is not suitable proper power washing equipment must be
    used for maximum effectiveness.
  - o Let the surface dry for three full days.
  - o Proceed with application of the maintenance coat of CenShield<sup>™</sup> Stain.
  - Allow for thorough drying time before resuming use of furniture. Drying times will vary in accordance with ambient humidity; however, three days is typically adequate.

**Note**: Wet or damp cushions and pillows should not be left on wood frames with CenShield<sup>TM</sup> Stain finishes for prolonged periods of time. Moisture trapped between cushions or pillows and wood frames may result in finish degradation or failure. Cushions, when wet or damp, should be removed from wood frames and allowed to thoroughly dry by standing the cushions on edge.

#### NATURAL MAHOGANY FURNITURE

- Keep Away from Excess Moisture. Never use a pressure washer to wash mahogany decks or outdoor furniture. If you use water to clean a mahogany surface, use a damp cloth, not a wet one. Follow up with a dry cloth immediately.
- Wipe Clean with a Soft Damp Cloth. To clean mahogany wood, you can use a soft, lint-free cloth water damp cloth. Wipe Spills Immediately. If you have water, oil or food spills, you must clean them immediately. Foreign substances can wear off the protective finish on the wood and can damage the material over some time.
- Never use abrasive or caustic cleaners on mahogany wood. This can cause discoloration, staining and remove the finish on the wood.
- Protect Outdoor Mahogany from Excessive Exposure to the Sun. It is resistant to the wood rot and insects. To maintain the look of your mahogany furniture, try to protect it from direct sunlight, as much as possible. Surrounding trees or shrubs will do this job. Refinish the mahogany when you see a dulled appearance, scratches or flakes on the surface.

# WOVEN FURNISHINGS

Century Outdoor woven furnishings are made of durable Hularo<sup>®</sup>, a superior extruded polyethylene resin that is suitable for full-time outdoor use. Hularo<sup>®</sup> is resistant to ultraviolet light, rain, salt water, chlorine, sun creams, tanning oils and even mildew. Though Hularo<sup>®</sup> itself will not mildew, contaminants trapped on its surface will; therefore, Hularo<sup>®</sup> should be kept clean following the steps listed below. Because Hularo<sup>®</sup> is thru-dyed, it is inherently incredibly fade resistant. Hularo<sup>®</sup> is extremely resistant to temperature fluctuations. Extreme cold, down to -4 degrees Fahrenheit, does not affect Hularo<sup>®</sup> nor does extreme heat, up to 130 degrees Fahrenheit.

• Hularo<sup>®</sup> is virtually maintenance free and does not require special cleaning and maintenance. It can simply be cleaned with a soft, damp cloth. Hularo<sup>®</sup> may also be cleaned with a soft cloth and a nonabrasive natural soap and water. Dry with a soft towel. If located in a salty/acid rain environment, wash the pieces with mild soap and water.

#### **ALUMINUM FURNISHINGS**

- Aluminum is virtually maintenance free under normal use and conditions. Wash with a soft cloth and nonabrasive natural soap and water. Dry with a soft towel.
- If the furniture is located near a salty/acid rain environment, consider waxing the furniture. The wax will keep the salty residue off the finish, which could degrade the finish overtime. Clean and wax the furniture as you would a car.
- Century recommends periodic cleaning of any surface buildup of a white chalky substance, which may cause the finish to blister and frame to oxidize. This white chalky substance may be due to a concentration of salt air or a salt water spray associated with seaside or outdoor pool use or concentrations of humidity and chemicals with indoor pool use. Century recommends at least a quarterly waxing of your Century frames. Failure or neglect to perform the required maintenance may result in surface buildup of a white chalky substance, causing the finish to blister and the frame to oxidize. Such failure or neglect will void the warranty.

### STAINLESS STEEL FURNISHINGS

• Stainless steel furniture requires only occasional cleaning to keep it looking fresh and bright. Use a detergent or stainless-steel cleaner to remove any oxidation, which may form on the surface. Oxidation is rare, but should it occur, it will not corrode your furniture and is easily wiped off. Do not use abrasives or scouring powder to clean stainless-steel furniture.

#### STEEL FURNISHINGS

- Steel is virtually maintenance free under normal use and conditions. Wash with a soft cloth and nonabrasive natural soap and water. Dry with a soft towel.
- If the furniture is near a salty/acid rain environment, consider waxing the furniture. The wax will keep the salty residue off the finish, which could degrade the finish overtime. Clean and wax the furniture as you would a car.
- Century recommends periodic cleaning of any surface buildup of a white chalky substance, which may cause the finish to blister and frame to oxidize. This white chalky substance may be due to a concentration of salt air or a salt water spray associated with seaside or outdoor pool use or concentrations of humidity and chemicals with indoor pool use. Century recommends at least a quarterly waxing of your Century frames. Failure or neglect to perform the required maintenance may result in surface buildup of a white chalky substance, causing the finish to blister and the frame to oxidize. Such failure or neglect will void the warranty.

# STONE TOPS

Tables with stone tops, which are exposed to temperatures below 33 degrees Fahrenheit, should be covered with a nonporous cover to prevent the introduction of residual moisture. This moisture, if introduced into the holes and crevices in stone, may freeze at temperatures below 33 degrees Fahrenheit and may cause splits or cracks.

Please note that damage caused by water freeze will not be covered under any Century Outdoor warranty. Please see the complete Century Outdoor warranty for details.

- Protect surfaces from scratching, staining and etching by:
  - Keeping them free of debris or sharp objects
  - Wiping up spills immediately
  - Avoiding contact with chemicals, particularly acid based substances
- Clean with pH neutral products or those especially formulated for use on stone.
- Your outdoor stone tops have been sealed at the factory. However, a new coat of penetrating sealer should be applied every six months to prevent contaminants from being absorbed into the stone.
- Remove stains with an absorbent solvent formulated for use on stone.
- Do NOT use polish on travertine with a matte finish, which has been honed rather than polished. Penetrating sealer may be used on honed stone.

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#### CAST RESIN / CRUSHED STONE TABLES

Cast resin/stone amalgam furniture is virtually maintenance free under normal use and conditions. Century Outdoor cast resin/stone amalgam tables are extremely resistant to temperature fluctuations. Temperatures, down to 33 degrees Fahrenheit, do not affect these tables nor does extreme heat, up to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. However, cast resin/stone amalgam tables which are exposed to temperatures below 33 degrees Fahrenheit should be covered with a non-porous cover to prevent the introduction of residual moisture. This moisture, if introduced into the crevices in cast resin/stone amalgam tables, may freeze at temperatures below 33 degrees Fahrenheit and may cause splits or cracks. Please note that damage caused by water freeze will not be covered under any Century Outdoor warranty. Please see the complete Century Outdoor warranty for details.

• To clean, wash with a soft cloth and very mild, nonabrasive, natural soap and water. Dry with a soft towel.

### GRC (GLASS REINFORCED CONCRETE)

Glass Reinforced Concrete furniture is virtually maintenance free under normal use and conditions. Temperatures, down to 33 degrees Fahrenheit, do not affect these tables nor does extreme heat, up to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. However, Glass Reinforced Concrete table bases and tops, which are exposed to temperatures below 33 degrees Fahrenheit should be covered with a non-porous cover to prevent the introduction of residual moisture. This moisture, if introduced into the crevices in GRC table bases and tops, may freeze at temperatures below 33 degrees Fahrenheit and may cause splits or cracks. Each piece is made by hand, so color finishes may not be a perfect match due to the hand applied materials and earth pigments used to create the authenticity of natural stone. Please note that damage caused by water freeze will not be covered under any Century Outdoor warranty. Please see the complete Century Outdoor warranty for details.

- To clean, wash with a soft cloth and very mild, nonabrasive, natural soap and water. Dry with a soft towel.
- Should this GRC furniture be used in an environment where there are shifts in temperature or humidity,
- hairline fissures may develop. These fissures are non-structural and should not be considered a defect.
  Acidic liquids (wine, coffee, etc.) will penetrate through. Any spills need to be cleaned immediately to prevent permanent stains.
- Tops are not maintenance free you will need to re-seal every 6-12 months.

## FULLY UPHOLSTERED AND SLIPCOVERED OUTDOOR FURNITURE

A testament to the true indoor/outdoor living room, our fully upholstered items give the comfort of indoor upholstery but are designed for full time outdoor use. As with all of our outdoor collections, Century recommends using our protective covers to maintain and prolong the life of your outdoor furniture.

- For day-to-day cleaning to remove dust and surface dirt, vacuum the piece and then wash with a soft cloth and nonabrasive soap and water.
- Removable cushion covers and slipcovers may be removed from the frame and machine washed in cold water with a mild soap. Allow cushion covers and slip covers to air dry before returning to the furniture. For stubborn stains, you can use bleach and laundry detergent in the washing machine with cold water for most outdoor fabrics. Be sure to rinse thoroughly to remove all bleach and detergent from the fabric.
- If stains occur on the frame, you can spot wash by sponging briskly with a solution of natural soap in lukewarm water. If rings appear on the fabric around the spot, you need to use water to remove the soap residue. For stubborn stains, use a fabric spot remover, and follow the directions on the container.
- Sunbrella<sup>®</sup> has provided Century with information on the upholstery care and cleaning of all Sunbrella<sup>®</sup> fabrics. If stains are not removed when using the Sunbrella<sup>®</sup> Upholstery Care and Cleaning methods, then a professional cleaner will be recommended by Sunbrella<sup>®</sup> and Century. Failure to obtain an authorized professional cleaner will void the warranty.

#### CENTURY OUTDOOR CUSHIONS AND PILLOWS WITH SUNBRELLA® FABRIC

- Century Outdoor cushions are constructed of a water-repellent cover surrounding a high-resiliency (HR) foam core and wrapped with 100% polyester fiber, while Century Outdoor throw pillows are 100% polyester fiber in a water-repellant cover. Century Outdoor cushions and pillows offer the construction and comfort of an indoor cushion yet are engineered for full-time outdoor use. Zippers on all Century Outdoor cushions and pillows are constructed with weather-resistant zinc pulls, nylon coil and polyester tape. The water-repellent barrier forces water around the core without moisture penetration while meeting California 117 Fire Code requirements. Please note that wet or damp Century Outdoor cushions and pillows should be removed from frames and allowed to air dry by standing the cushions on edge. Drying times will vary but may be accelerated if cushions are allowed to stand on edge in direct sun light.
- Most stains on Sunbrella<sup>®</sup> fabrics can be cleaned with a mild soap and water solution. If the fabric happens to get a stain, please spot wash by sponging briskly with a solution of natural soap in lukewarm water. Rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove soap, and then air dry. For stubborn stains, use fabric spot remover, and follow the directions on the container. For removable cushion covers, machine wash in cold water with a mild soap, and then air dry.
- Sunbrella® has provided Century with information on the upholstery care and cleaning of all Sunbrella® fabrics. If stains are not removed when using the Sunbrella® Upholstery Care and Cleaning methods, then a professional cleaner will be recommended by Sunbrella® and Century. Failure to obtain an authorized Sunbrella® professional cleaner will void the warranty.
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