

## WOOD

Sempre Furniture Collection is handmade out of old recycled teak wood, old and new oak. Purchasing this product means accepting a crack or a burst, an irregular surface, a different wood structure, and the fact that solid wood works: the particularities and differences in nature, an evolution in time and patina, etc. The simplicity of nature itself.

Teakwood is a close-grain and oil-rich hardwood and is especially stable in its recycled form. Therefore it is the ideal material to produce long-lasting furniture. The teak we use is reclaimed from various sources: old houses, bridges, boats, railway sleepers,... and may easily be 80 years old before it is used in our furniture. In Indonesia, teakwood was used for centuries as an extremely durable building material. Nowadays, some of the old constructions are being replaced by brick houses so the teak wood becomes available for furniture manufacturing.

The wood has been used before, so has some inevitable characteristics: we need to use patches in the wood and the wood contains materials that have entered (for example nails). These may cause rust, which may stain in the product itself or cause sedimentation on the floor. The furniture will potentially show stains during aging. This includes minor black spots that occur where nails or bolts were left in the furniture. This will not damage the quality of the wood itself.

Solid wood is a natural product and is subject to external influences. Cracks and change of color are physical facts to be expected. Each piece will age differently and each piece will develop its own unique character. Left outdoor, recycled teak will develop a grey patina.

Teak is a natural product and is not treated against stains. It will absorb liquids if not sealed (leaves, food, olive oil, ...), drinks (wine, coffee, ...). Our natural teak products are not lacquered or varnished in order to show the true beauty of reclaimed teak. For indoor use we

recommend to use Teak Protector Spray (TPS). Teak fumé cannot be protected by TPS, but needs to be polished or waxed. There are a lot of 'teak care' products on the market. Our advice is to clean and nourish the teak from time to time with a small amount of natural (glycerine based) soap. The treatment of oak should be done with a humid cleaning cloth and a little bit of decolorant. After this, use a bit of natural soap. When it's dry enough, take a sanding sponge to polish the material again.

Relative air humidity should be controlled and held constant. The wood stays more stable if there is a relative humidity between 60% and 65%. Tables have to be leveled in order to avoid contortion and destabilization of the construction.

## RATTAN

The Rattan in all Sempre Collection designs is not treated chemically and produces a natural color. No special protection nor coating are applied, therefore protracted outside exposure will decrease the product's lifetime and shape, the latter becoming greyish. In order to reduce this process, there are several ways for treatment (oil or TPS). This product is semi-outdoor, which means that the product is designed for outdoor use also, during summer. But we do recommend a shelter or a roof.

## LUXURY GLASS

The Sempre Glass Collection is a completely handmade collection, each piece is separately and carefully blown and is therefore unique. The small differences and small irregularities underline the authenticity of the article and express the philosophy behind our whole collection. The glass however is sensitive to temperature differences, fast cooling or heating may damage or even break the glass. We therefore advise extra carefulness. Dishwasher or microwave are unsafe.

# MAINTENANCE GUIDE

## STONE

Natural stone is delivered in its natural state, with the possibility of natural vein and fossils imbedded in the stone. For indoor use we recommend TPS. Beware that Carrara (marble) is only designed for indoor use! Watch out with acids on this material.

All our fumé finishes are created by impregnating the stone with a color deepener. Give adequate dry time between layers. At Sempre we sell these color deepeners, please ask for advice if you need any of these products. If stains occur, depending on the stone type and finish, a different treatment can be suggested by Sempre. Belgian bluestone has the natural ability to push out stains over time. This is no guarantee. But stains, depending on the type, will fade over time. This can take from several weeks to several months depending on the nature and quantity of the grease. For quicker results, you can use water with 2 spoonfuls of ammonia or a good detergent. Superficial micro-scratches are normal and over the years will contribute to give a beautiful patina. To nourish the stone and reduce micro-scratches, you can treat your tiles with a natural soap (olive oil based soap) diluted in water.

## CANDLES

### Indoor

Always look at the pictogram and read the warning labels before burning any candle. Candles come with a living flame and can be the cause of danger when mistreated. Using your good common sense as well as following the burning instructions carefully, will ensure you get the most out of your candles as well as preventing any cause of danger.

### Outdoor

Outdoor candles are for outdoor use only! We are not responsible for any damage when used indoor. Before using, please read the instructions or pictograms. The outdoor candles are not protected against direct sunlight, freezing temperatures or rain.