

# Care Instructions

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Cumberland's surface finishes will retain their natural beauty for life if proper care is taken and a stable environment is provided. Due to the inherent nature of wood products, we cannot guarantee any product stored or set in place in an environment where temperature and humidity are not controlled. Extremes in humidity and temperature can cause wood components to expand and contract and may lead to panel warpage and finish checking and cracking. A stable and properly humidified environment is required to avoid these conditions. Temperatures must be maintained within a range of 50-80 degrees F (or 10-27 degrees C); the relative humidity must be maintained between 25% and 40%. These conditions are also recommended for human health standards.

## **Wood Surfaces**

Cumberland utilizes a multi-step finishing process ending in the application of a clear catalyzed lacquer. This lacquer is applied in three consecutive stages. The finishing material provides a very durable and resistant surface that can withstand a variety of chemical compounds. A list of these compounds can be supplied upon request.

Due to the protection offered by our finishes, the care for our wood surfaces requires gently dusting the surface with a soft, moist, and lint-free cloth. This should then be followed with a drying cloth. A high-grade furniture polish which does not contain silicone, such as Murphy's Oil Soap © and water may be applied with a clean soft cloth. Since dust can act as a potential abrasive, improper rubbing can result in fine hairline scratches. A practice of gentle rubbing only in the direction of the grain of the wood is recommended. Do not use wax or abrasive cleaning compounds.

The use of felt pads under desk accessories and machines is recommended to protect the luster of the finish. Contact between finish and certain plastic compounds may result in discoloration and finish damage.

Cumberland finishes are field reparable should damage occur, professional furniture repair services are recommended.

## **Leather and Fabric Surfaces**

Dust monthly with a soft cloth. Spilled liquids must be wiped up immediately with a moist cloth, as liquids can be absorbed within a few hours or less. Use a leather cleaner for stubborn spots. Never use saddle soap, ivory soap and water solutions. Never soak the leather with water or any other cleaning agents. Conditioning the leather once or twice a year with a commercially available product will restore the leathers natural moisture, preserving its softness and providing protection from dust and liquids.

## **Metal and Glass Surfaces**

Use cleaning cloth moistened with alcohol or normal glass cleaning compounds. Do not use abrasive compounds, as these will scratch the surface. The best way to clean stainless steel is to apply routine simple and gentle cleaning. Use soap, mild dilute detergent, and dilute ammonia in warm water. Commercial cleaners which say "Suitable For Stainless Steel" on their labels can, and should, certainly be used.

## **Stone Surfaces**

Use cleaning cloth moistened with alcohol or specialized marble cleaning compounds. Spilled liquids must be wiped up immediately with a moist cloth, as the colors of the certain liquids can be absorbed into the stone surface and discolor it. Do not use abrasive compounds, as these will scratch the surface.

Please contact Cumberland customer service with any additional questions about furniture care.