

CARE & MAINTENANCE FACT SHEET



WOVEN

Material Properties

All Gloster woven furniture is made from only the highest quality man-made fibre. Soft to the touch, this remarkable material has many benefits including high suppleness, tear resistance, UV resistance and weather resistance. The polyethylene based, extruded and through-dyed wicker is completely weatherproof as well as being colourfast, extremely hard wearing and easy to clean. The wicker is resistant to chlorine, salt water, tanning lotions and oils.

The basic structure of a woven item is made from a fully welded, powder-coated aluminium frame. Once welded, the entire frame is electro-statically powder coated in a tough, smooth finish that matches the colour of the wicker. This way, the frame is fully protected against corrosion and becomes virtually invisible once it has been woven over.

Woven furniture can be left outside all year round and is able to withstand temperatures from -20°C to +55°C (-4°F to 131°F). When very cold, the weave will become stiffer than normal and when very hot, the weave will become more elastic. However, it will always revert to its normal elasticity, once the ambient temperature stabilises.

Gloster uses a more textured, thicker type of wicker than most other manufacturers. Although this wicker is harder to weave, it is stronger, more resistant to tension, tearing and splitting, wears better and gives a more natural feel to the product.



SLING & WOVEN CLEANER

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Cleaning

We recommend that woven furniture is regularly cleaned using Gloster's Sling & Woven Cleaner, following the instructions detailed on the label. It is important to use a non-foaming cleaner on woven furniture, as a foaming product will leave residues in the gaps in-between the weave which will then attract dirt. A pressure hose on a low setting is acceptable to use on woven furniture, but avoid any teak components, as the high pressure can erode the surface of the timber.

Gloster Sling & Woven Cleaner - 25oz / 750ml plastic bottle with trigger-action head. Water-based formula - both non-toxic and environmentally friendly. Cleans and restores the new look of sling and synthetic wicker woven furniture. Special non-foaming formula. Each bottle is supplied complete with a special applicator pad.

Instructions for Use

1. Before using the Sling/Woven Cleaner, protective gloves (included in box) and eye protection should be worn.
Cover the ground under your working area before cleaning.
2. Shake Sling/Woven Cleaner before use.
3. Apply Sling/Woven Cleaner with a soft cloth or sponge. Allow to soak for 1 minute.
4. Brush the furniture clean with a soft scrubbing pad (included in box) and water.
5. Rinse furniture well with clean water.
6. Severely stained surfaces may require a second treatment.

Repairing

Scratch marks or abrasion to the edges of the fibre can be repaired by very briefly and carefully applying heat (i.e. the flame of a cigarette lighter) to the affected area and rubbing along the length of the fibre with a piece of hard cardboard to restore a smooth edge. This can be a tricky procedure to perfect, so we suggest you try a couple of test runs on an area of wicker that is hidden from view – i.e. on the underside of the furniture.

If fibres are accidentally cut or broken, a piece of furniture can generally be repaired successfully by removing the broken section of wicker and carefully weaving in a new strip.



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