

## HOUE // Treatment instructions

### TABLE MAINTENANCE:

The bamboo lamellas on your table are treated with a special impregnation from the factory, which is drawn into the bamboo. To keep the table nice, it is necessary to treat the bamboo lamellas on a regular basis with oil suitable for bamboo. We have oiled the table before sending and we recommend you do it again after approximately 4 weeks, then as needed. Ideally twice per annum.

A 250 ml tin of WOCA Bamboo Oil was provided with your order. This should last a year depending on the frequency of application.

The New Zealand sun is the harshest in the world and will cause your table to lighten during the summer season. However, this fading is generally uniform and the table still looks great.

We have always said that it would lighten during the season but that it would not grey off or be patchy like teak, or kwela. So depending on the look you want for the season will depend on how many times you oil it.

Unlike teak or Kwila tables where you have to spend hours and hours sanding down and staining every year to maintain a new look, our tables require just a quick 45 minute re oil. So, you can do this once a month or once a season depending on the look you want, but you will always get back to this finish in just 45 minutes.

### POINTS TO REMEMBER:

1. For best long terms results simply wipe of excess water after rain. This takes just 5 minutes but keeps excess moisture out of the table. It is not vital but helpful and reduces the speed at which bamboo will fade.
2. Your table will fade uniformly during the season, oil as often as suits depending on your preference but it is a very quick bit of maintenance perhaps quarterly or bi annually.
3. DO NOT cover the table during winter. This will cause mold to grow on the table surface and into the wood. If this does occur you will be able to easily repair this with an orbital sander. See the maintenance video on our website and instructions within this document

## PROCESS FOR RE OIL:

To re oil your table is extremely easy and quick with amazing results.

1. Wipe down your table with just water and a soft brush, allow to dry
2. Then sand using a 200 – 240 grain sandpaper, in same direction as the bamboo grain. Dust off or wipe.
3. Apply the oil using a soft paint brush. First run the brush edge in the gaps between the lamellas. Ensure you have covered this properly. Unlike stain, oil will not leave bubbles or drip lines.
4. Once the spaces are done you can start on the surface – apply liberally to ensure even coverage and brush in the direction of the grain.
5. Within 5 – 10 minutes of application use a rag to wipe of the excess oils on each lamella. Usually 3 strokes per lamella will remove enough.
6. Allow to dry for 30 – 50 minutes

For daily cleaning, it is recommended you use only hot water, as soapy water dissolves the oil.

Outside the season, store in a dry and ventilated room. Do not cover the bamboo top, as bamboo is a natural material that needs air to avoid fungi and mold spreading into the material.

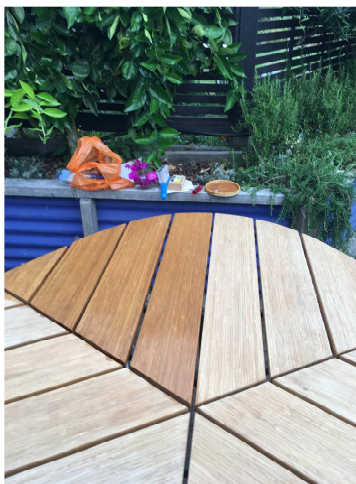
## REMOVING MOLD AND STAINS:

If some mold has appeared on your table during the wet winter months, it is quick and easy to remove and restore your table. This might usually show up as black line or small blotches in the wood. It is very quickly and easily fixed.

- Make the bamboo surface wet, then scrub with a stiff brush using the WOCA antifungal wash which we can provide. This cleans deep into the bamboo and removes grime and mold. We have small tins available that you can order on our website.
- When the bamboo is dry, use a power sander to sand down the bamboo. Start with a medium-coarse sandpaper 60 – 80 grain, and when the any stains or mold marks are removed, change to a fine sandpaper to finish the surface, 200 – 240 grain. Make sure to sand the bamboo evenly everywhere. If you do not have a sander we are able to send you one to use. You would just cover the cost of shipping at \$20 return.
- After cleaning and sanding, it is important that the surface of the bamboo is sealed immediately with oil again. Apply according to the instructions above.

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## **CLICK PLASTIC LAMELLAS**

For cleaning please use a wet cloth or a soft brush. If necessary, dish soap can be added to the cleaning water. Do not use any kind of chemicals for cleaning.

## **POWDER COATED METAL PARTS**

For cleaning please use a wet cloth or a soft brush. Do not use any kind of chemicals for cleaning.

If you have a granite insert with your table then the stone is pre-treated with oil and will get lighter in colour with time. To keep the dark colour stone oil can be applied.