

GENERAL REMARKS

Vitamin design sets great value on the naturalness of the wood because wood gives us life. During the manufacturing of our natural wood furniture, we make sure that the essential properties such as open pores, antistatic effect, breathability and odour filtering are preserved. We are committed to maintaining the highest quality standards at all times. Real wood furniture is made of renewable raw materials. Wherever possible, we use wood from sustainable forestry, mostly from Europe. The most beautiful solid wood in a high quality design and excellent quality of workmanship.

The furniture is manufactured in an ecologically sound manner. All wood finishing products comply with the stringent requirements of the EN 71 standard. In order to preserve the naturalness of the wood, vitamin design finishes its furniture with an oil that has been specially developed for real wood furniture. This oil finish provides protection against drying out, dust and dirt. The great advantage over lacquered furniture is the improved indoor climate. Natural oils and waxes penetrate deep into the wood.

They keep it healthy and elastic and prevent it from drying out. The wood can breathe, moisture can be released. The wood surface remains naturally matt. This easy-to-maintain surface finish is characterised by particularly high surface hardness and durability. Any dents or marks can be removed easily, and even after years of use, the surfaces look like new. Smaller heavily worn or damaged areas can be refinished without visible marks simply by cleaning and applying new oil. Our solid wood furniture is environmentally friendly!

We recommend to ensure appropriate ventilation in humid rooms so that the furniture remain clean and beautiful even longer. On the other hand, overly dry air will likewise promote warping of the solid wood pieces. Inappropriate positioning or storing in a humid or cold environment will cause the wood to warp. Solid wood furniture should be positioned in such a way that uniform exposure to sunlight is ensured, avoiding positions where some areas remain in the shade permanently while others are exposed to sunlight all the time. In particular, table extension plates should be stored under similar light exposure conditions like the table itself for at least 2 months after delivery, as the wood is prone to change its colour.

NO CRACKS FORMING IN THE WOOD?

Our wood is dried, partly under vacuum, in special drying ovens. This process reduces warping and cracking of the wood. However, some cracks may nevertheless form in the wood. This does not represent any grounds for a complaint. Wood is a natural material, therefore responds to climatic influences.

In fact, wood is a material that adjusts to the conditions of its surroundings and responds to any changes. This ability becomes evident during extended and warmer dry periods, as these may cause an increased number of cracks to form in the wood. However, these cracks partly disappear after the end of the dry period.

Cracks in the wood are rather a logical consequence of using on a natural raw material. This includes environmental influences such as extreme temperature variations, too low or too high humidity, exposure to direct sunlight, floor heating. For this reason, it is essential to follow the care instructions for our solid wood furniture.

Cracks are natural processes, are inevitable and not unusual. They do not, however, affect the durability and long service life of the wood.

CLEANING

For everyday cleaning, solid wood furniture should be wiped with a dry or, if desired, with a dampened cloth but never with a wet cloth. Please clean slightly soiled areas with furniture soap and a woollen cloth. Do not use any fat-dissolving household detergents or steam cleaners. For any more heavily soiled areas or water marks that may form over time, we recommend sanding the surface with 120 - 280 grit paper and refinishing the surface with a suitable oil. Please note that marks resulting from wetness can only be removed after drying. Make sure to cover a large area around the soiled spot to prevent colour variations.

CARE

Being a natural material, wood needs care to preserve its beneficial characteristics over a long time. We recommend oiling the wood 3 to 4 times during the first year and every 6 months to 3 years after that. Prior to oiling, slightly sand (roughen) the furniture surface, and apply the oil sparingly with a woollen cloth. Allow to soak briefly and remove any excess oil with a lint-free cotton or woollen cloth. Polish dry surface with the cloth. All treatments in the direction of the wood grain.

REPAIR

Solid wood furniture has the advantage that scratches can be removed by sanding. Sand down the damaged area with 100-140 grit paper (depending on the damage) always moving in the direction of the wood grain, until the scratch is no longer visible. In order to avoid any colour variations, sanding should always be carried out over a large area. Smooth-sand the surface starting with 180 grit paper and finishing with 280 grit paper. Remove sanding dust carefully and apply oil richly. Allow to soak for 10-15 min and remove any excess oil with a lint-free cotton or woollen cloth. Polish dry surface with the cloth. Roughen small dents with sanding paper. Place a dampened cloth over the dent and steam thoroughly with a smoothing iron. Make sure that the cloth is sufficiently damp and that the iron does not directly touch the wood. This procedure will make the wood expand, the dents disappear. Allow the area to dry completely, sand down with paper, then remove sanding dust carefully and apply oil richly. Allow to soak for 10-15 min and remove any excess oil with a lintfree cotton or woollen cloth. Polish dry surface with the cloth.

VARIATION

Typical solid wood properties that are inherent to the material, customary in the trade and generally and scientifically accepted are not covered by our warranty. Variations in terms of dimensions, shape and workmanship are reserved. All dimensions specified are approximate dimensions.