

# Homecrest Care Instructions

## **Fabric**

With Homecrest Outdoor Living you have a wide selection of high quality fabrics to choose from. These revolutionary fabrics employ mildew inhibitors and UV stabilizers constructed for the ultimate look and feel. To keep your outdoor patio furniture looking as great as the day you purchased it, regular cleaning of the fabric is recommended. Review the following information to help you take care of your outdoor furniture and enjoy it for years to come.

### PVC (Polyester Vinyl Coated) and Specialty Weave PVC Fabrics

The life of your outdoor fabric depends on how it is cared for and maintained. The use of certain sun blocks and suntan lotions, which can contain harsh chemicals, may permanently discolor or damage a fabric. To help keep your furniture from unnecessary wear store your cushions when not in use or to cover them with a breathable furniture cover. It is important to clean your products regularly and as promptly as possible after being exposed to outdoor lotions, debris and sprays.

*Tip: Placing a cushion on its side will allow the water to drain faster and the cushion to dry faster. Never use a commercial washer or dryer to clean cushions or slings.*

### PVC or Polyester Vinyl Coated and Acrylic or Olefin Blended Fabrics

Clean any affected areas as soon as possible with a mild liquid soap and warm water. If the area remains slightly stained, add 1 cup of chlorine bleach to the cleaning solution and repeat the process, using a soft brush if necessary. Always rinse thoroughly, to remove any of soap residues. Shake briskly to remove excess moisture and allow to air dry.

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### 100% Acrylic and Acrylic/Polyester Blended Fabrics

Using a mild liquid soap and warm water, spot clean the affected area. Use a soft brush or rub the affected area briskly to address the soiled area. For fabrics that are 100% Acrylic the use of ½ cup of chlorine bleach to the mild soap solution may be used to treat mildew and more aggressive stains. Always rinse the item being washed thoroughly, to remove any of soap residues. Shake briskly to remove any excess moisture and allow to air dry.

## **Frames**

### **Aluminum**

Aluminum frames offer exceptionally easy maintenance. To maintain the appearance of your Homecrest Outdoor Living furniture, regular care and maintenance of the aluminum frames is recommended. Coordinate the care of frames with the amount of use or exposure to the elements or use conditions.

**Cleaning** - Wash or spray down the frames with clear water or with mild soap and water to remove dust, pollens, chemicals, salt water, dirt, etc. Avoid the use of any abrasive cleaners and power washers.

**Maintenance** - To maintain the finish of the painted surface apply a coat of clear liquid car wax at least once a year for additional protection from the outdoor elements. Overtime the finish may dull, just the same as if a car is not waxed. Use of the wax will retain or repair an exposed finish.

**Coastal Environments** - Product that is in use in a coastal environment may experience additional demands on the surface finish due to the salt air. A weekly or biweekly cleaning of product is recommended to clean away any buildup of salt residue and the possibility of oxidation. Quarterly waxing of the finish is recommended, to maintain a strong finish that will withstand the demands of this type of environment. If regular maintenance is not preformed and the finish experiences blistering the warranty on the finish would be void.

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**Storage** - If the climate of your area experiences freezing conditions do not store any product upside down. Moisture can accumulate in the frames and when frozen can crack, distort or break the frame tubing.

**Touch-Ups** - If the finish becomes scratched or chipped, first sand the affected area lightly with fine steel wool or 400 to 600 grit sand paper for better paint adhesion. Wipe clean the area to be painted. Holding the can 8 – 10 inches away from the area, apply thin coats of paint, allowing ample time for paint to dry between coats. Do not try to cover the area with the first coat as it may result in the paint running, change in the surface texture or the gloss of the finish. Cover any adjacent areas to avoid overspray. A small amount of paint may be sprayed on a separate surface and using a small artist brush, cover the affected area.

If you are working with a finish that consists of multiple colors you may want to test on a piece of cardboard or other material. Start with the "base" coat, holding the can 8 – 10 inches away apply light coats and allow to dry 3 – 5 minutes. Next, maintaining the same distance, apply light spurts of the color until the desired look is achieved. If the area becomes too light, after the finish has dried, apply a light dusting of the base coat.

**Powder Coating** - Powder coating is a technique employed by Homecrest Outdoor Living for finishing metal frames. A powder-coated surface is durable and requires little upkeep.

Tip: Contact your dealer for touch up paint. Always store your touch-up paint upside down to avoid the nozzle from becoming plugged.

## Steel

Steel frames can be easily maintained and prompt attention to a scratch or chip prevents the exposure of steel to the elements. To maintain the appearance of your Homecrest Outdoor Living steel furniture, regular care of the frames is recommended. Coordinate the care of frames with the amount of use or exposure to the elements or use conditions.

**Cleaning** - Wash or spray down the frames with clear water or with mild soap and water to remove dust, pollens, chemicals, salt water, dirt, etc.

**Maintenance** - Apply a coat of clear liquid car wax at least once a year to protect the finish of your product.

**Coastal Environments** - Product that is in use in a coastal environment may experience additional demands on the surface finish due to the salt air. A weekly or biweekly cleaning of product is recommended to clean away any buildup of salt residue and the possibility of oxidation. Quarterly waxing of the finish is recommended, to maintain a strong finish that will withstand the demands of this type of environment. If regular maintenance is not performed and the finish experiences blistering the warranty on the finish would be void.

**Storage** - If the climate of your area experiences freezing conditions do not store any product upside down. Moisture can accumulate in the frames and when frozen can crack, distort or break the frame tubing.

**Touch-Ups** - Where humidity is high, some corrosion is inevitable; catch it early. If corrosion has occurred, clean the area with Extend (found in most hardware stores) following manufacturer's instructions, or clean with naval jelly rust dissolver, let set for a few minutes and wipe clean. Repeat if necessary. Lightly sand the affected area with a fine steel wool or with 400 to 600 grit sand paper for better paint adhesion. Wipe clean the area to be painted. Holding the can 8 – 10 inches away from the area, apply thin coats of paint, allowing ample time for paint to dry between coats. Do not try to cover the area with the first coat as it may result in the paint running, change in the surface texture or the gloss of the finish. Cover any adjacent areas to avoid overspray. For a small chip or scratch, spray a small amount of paint onto a separate surface and using a small artist brush, cover the affected area. If you are working with a finish that consists of multiple colors you may want to test on a piece of cardboard or other material. Start with the "base" coat, holding the can 8 – 10 inches away apply light coats and allow to dry 3 – 5 minutes. Next, maintaining the same distance, apply light spurts of the color until the desired look is achieved. If the powder coating is a technique employed by Homecrest Outdoor Living for finishing metal frames.

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## Vinyl

**Cleaning** - Using a soft cloth, clean with two tablespoons of mild liquid soap to one gallon of warm water. Use toothpaste or gentle abrasive to remove scuffmarks. **DO NOT USE** solvents, janitorial cleaner, alcohol-based cleaners/protectants, scouring agents, undiluted bleach, gasoline or ammonia base cleaners on the straps or vinyl table rim material. Using these products may cause discoloration.

If the area of use has the possibility of high concentration of acid rain or smog, monthly cleaning of the straps is recommended. Allowing a buildup of suntan and sun block lotions and oils can be harmful to

the straps. If these conditions are present, clean the area with mild soap and water, and consider the use of a towel on the area when these products are in use.

## **Table Tops**

### **Faux Table Tops**

Faux surfaces should be cleaned on a regular basis with mild soap and water and a sponge or soft cloth. Follow with a rinse of clean water. If necessary, use a mild abrasive cleaner to release any embedded dirt. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

### **Cast Table Tops**

Clean with a mild soap and water using a sponge or rag. A clear liquid automotive wax may be applied 1-2 times a year to protect finish.

If the finish becomes scratched or chipped, first sand the affected area lightly with fine steel wool or 400 to 600 grit sand paper for better paint adhesion. Wipe clean the area to be painted. Holding the can 8 – 10 inches away from the area, apply thin coats of paint, allowing ample time for paint to dry between coats. Do not try to cover the area with the first coat as it may result in runs in the paint, change in the surface texture or the gloss of the finish. Cover any adjacent areas to avoid over spray. A separate surface and using a small artist brush, cover the affected area.

If you are working with a finish that consists of multiple colors you may want to test on a piece of cardboard or other material. Start with the "base" coat, holding the can 8 – 10 inches away apply light coats and allow to dry 3 – 5 minutes. Next, maintaining the same distance, apply light spurts of the color until the desired look is achieved. If the area becomes too light, after the finish has dried, apply a light dusting of the base coat.

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### **Glass Table Tops**

Clean glass regularly with a soft cloth and a solution of mild soap and water. Follow with a rinse of clean water. If necessary, use a mild abrasive cleaner to release any embedded dirt. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

### **Granite Table Tops**

Clean granite regularly, with a soft cloth and a solution of mild soap and water. Follow with a rinse of clean water. If necessary, use a mild abrasive cleaner to release any embedded dirt. Rinse thoroughly with clean water.