

# Schiavello **CARE & MAINTENANCE.**

From strategic design and development to the quality materials we source, at Schiavello, we apply a research-centric philosophy so our furniture lasts a lifetime. Use these tips to ensure the longevity of our products.

# Care & Maintenance

## List of Product Materials

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### ABS surfaces

ABS surfaces can be easily cleaned using warm soapy water with a soft cloth or sponge, then towel dried afterwards.

Stains and marks should be removed as soon as possible by gently wiping the surface with methylated spirits, however take care not to directly spray methylated spirits onto the ABS. Rinse thoroughly with clean fresh water to remove any remaining cleaner before wiping dry with a clean soft cloth.

It is not recommended to use solvent-based or abrasive cleaners. Ensure hot objects do not come into contact with ABS surfaces and protect from direct sunlight for extended periods.

### Chrome surfaces

A non-streaking window cleaner can be applied to chrome surfaces. Cleaner can be sprayed onto the surface and wiped off using a soft clean cloth. It is not recommended to use solvent-based or abrasive cleaners.

### Fabric surfaces

Professional cleaning is highly recommended. To remove dust regularly vacuum using a low suction nozzle or use a soft bristle brush. Spot cleaning by sponge with wool detergent, shampoo or dry cleaning fluid only is allowed.

Do not use dishwashing and laundry detergents or soap. Test on a concealed area before proceeding. Do not over wet fabric when cleaning with water and dry without delay away from direct heat.

### Glass surfaces

Regularly wipe glass and mirrored surfaces with a clean microfiber cloth. Windex or equivalent can be used to remove any difficult marks or finger prints.

Warm soapy water or methylated spirits with water and a dry chamois yield best results when caring for glass surfaces. It is not recommended to use ammonia-based products or abrasive liquids or cloths.

### Laminate surfaces

Wipe over laminated surfaces weekly with a clean soft damp cloth. Light stains can be removed by using soapy water or with a mild liquid detergent then wiped dry with a clean soft cloth.

It is not recommended to use solvent-based or abrasive cleaners. Moisture and or direct sunlight should be avoided as this will quicken to degradation of the product.

### Leathers surfaces

Leather is naturally strong and easy to care for. It has been pre-treated to resist against spills and stains. A damp cloth can be used for weekly cleaning, while a cloth with a mild soap solution can be used for a more thorough treatment. Regular vacuuming or polishing with a dry cloth is recommended to remove buildup of dirt. Watch out for perspiration areas as this can cause breakdown in the natural leather coating. Clean as often as necessary.

It is not recommended to use saddle soap, cleaning solvents, oil varnishes, abrasive cleaners, ammonia water or any products containing solvents or silicone. Protect leather from direct sun light for long periods, excessive heat, and sharp objects.

### MDF Powder Coat surfaces

It is recommended to remove any loose deposits with a wet sponge rather than risk micro scratching any MFD powder coated surface by dry dusting.

It is also recommended to use Trimatrix MDF cleaner, which can be sprayed onto a soft clean colourfast cloth and lightly rubbed in a circular motion to the entire surface. Rinse thoroughly with clean fresh water to remove any remaining cleaner before wiping dry with a clean soft cloth. Direct sunlight should be avoided as this will quicken degradation of the product.

It is not recommended to use solvent-based or abrasive cleaners. Do not spray Trimatrix MDF cleaner directly onto surfaces as prolonged contact may affect the appearance of the coating.

### Metal Powder Coat surfaces

It is recommended to remove any loose deposits with a wet sponge rather than risk micro scratching any metal powder coated surface by dry dusting. A soft brush and mild detergent in warm water can also be used to remove any dust, salt or other deposits. Rinse thoroughly with clean fresh water to remove any remaining cleaner before wiping dry with a clean soft cloth.

It is not recommended to use solvent-based or abrasive cleaners. Direct sunlight should be avoided as this will quicken degradation of the product. For hygiene purposes, diluted bleach or disinfectant (bleach/disinfectant 5%, water 95%) can be used.

### Solid surfaces

Solid surfaces such as Corian, Marblo, Hi-Macs and Saron are more durable and resilient than natural stone; however still require some basic cleaning principles.

Spills should be treated promptly and cleaned with a mild detergent or soapy water with a soft cloth or sponge. For stubborn marks apply a very mild abrasive cleaner such as diluted Jif in light circular motions using a soft cloth. Finish by wiping the surface with a damp cloth or sponge to remove detergents and dry with a soft clean cloth.

For extreme staining and scuffs, lightly buffing in a circular motion using a 3m scotch-brite followed by the above steps will generally restore the finish. To maintain a uniformed appearance, clean evenly and never apply excessive pressure or clean/rub the same area for a prolonged time.

It is not recommended to use sharp or abrasive products such as steel wool. Do not expose solid surfaces to strong chemicals such as acid-based or organic solvents.

### Task Chairs

Chairs fitted with gas lift cylinders should be operated on a regular basis or at least once a week to prevent cylinders from seizing up over time. Chairs and mechanisms should also be adjusted through to full range at least once a month. It is desirable to clean chair castors with a vacuum cleaner every six months.

It is also recommended to check the tightness of all bolts and screws every twelve months without over tightening.

### Timber Veneer Surfaces

Timber veneer surfaces that have been coated in a polish, stain or clear spray finish can be wiped weekly with a damp warm cloth using mild liquid detergent to keep dust and static attraction to a minimum. Light stains or marks can be removed by mixing equal parts of methylated spirits and water then carefully wiping dry with a clean soft cloth. Stubborn stains cannot be removed, and should you attempt to remove may end in damaging the surface.

It is not recommended to use solvent-based and abrasive cleaners, or pressure packs containing wax or silicone preparations. Moisture and or direct sunlight should be avoided as this will quicken degradation of the product.

### Vinyl surfaces

Vinyl surfaces can be wiped over using a clean soft damp cloth with warm water. If using a mild detergent, rinse thoroughly with clean fresh water, then wipe dry with a clean soft cloth.

It is not recommended to use solvent-based or abrasive cleaners. Direct sunlight should be avoided as this will quicken degradation of the product.