

Veranda Dining Collection by Designmaster Furniture

Care and Cleaning of Grade 304 Stainless Steel Outdoor Furniture

Grade 304 stainless steel is the industry standard choice for outdoor use. The material is hard and strong, yet very lightweight, and resistant to moisture and corrosion. With proper care and maintenance, this stainless steel will look like new for many years to come.

Stainless steel outdoor furniture requires regular maintenance to keep it looking new. No material is resistant to dust and dirt. To remove dust and dirt, no special cleaning products or chemicals are required. Remove using a damp cloth and polish the metal with a dry cloth to restore its attractive luster. Always use a soft cloth or non-abrasive pad when cleaning stainless steel. Always clean and polish in the direction of the finish lines.

Spills should be cleaned as soon as they are noticed to keep your stainless steel outdoor furniture looking its best. For more stubborn stains, use mild soapy water. Wipe off with a damp cloth. Polish the metal with a dry cloth to restore its attractive luster. Again, always clean and polish in the direction of the finish lines.

Stainless steel can collect finger prints and smudges. To remove, polish with a dry cloth in the direction of the finish lines. If this does not remove them, then use mild soap and water, rinse with clean water, dry and polish in the direction of the finish lines.

If you must use a chemical cleaner to remove stubborn stains, be sure to use a stainless steel cleaning product. Do not use cleaners containing bleach, chloride, scouring powders or abrasive substances. Do not use steel wool pads or highly abrasive cloths or pads as particles from these materials can lodge into the surface of the stainless steel and eventually rust, giving the appearance that the stainless itself is rusting. Always use a soft cloth or non-abrasive pad when cleaning stainless steel. Be sure to thoroughly remove cleaning product residue from the stainless steel surface using clean water. Dry the metal and polish with a dry cloth in the direction of the finish lines to restore the attractive luster of the finish.

Even though grade 304 stainless steel is resistant to corrosion, tiny brown spots may appear on the surface. These spots can be a sign of surface deterioration caused by exposure to air-borne chemicals, salt air, salt water spray or chlorinated water. Usually these are surface discolorations and can be removed using a non-abrasive pad and gently rubbing the surface in the direction of the finish. If this method does not remove the spots, a product specifically designed to clean stainless steel surfaces may be used. Be sure to follow the product cleaning instructions, rinse thoroughly, dry, then polish in the direction of the finish lines to bring restore the finish to its attractive luster.

While grade 304 stainless steel is designed to withstand exposure to the most extreme outdoor conditions, it is a good idea to cover it during the winter.