



We're often asked how best to care for new Rattan furniture – and although it has been designed to be maintenance-free there are always steps you can take one or twice a year to make sure that your furniture always looks pristine.

## Sofas and Chairs

The cushions that are supplied with your dining or sofa set have been specially designed for either indoor or outdoor use by formulating a cloth that is shower and stain resistant. If you want to keep them looking at their best, they should be stored inside when not in use – this will help to preserve the shape of the stuffing and make sure that they're dry and comfortable when you come to use them.

When it comes to cleaning it is recommended to remove the covers and hand wash them in warm water or a very gentle detergent. The fibres of the cloth are coated to help them resist fading in UV light, as well as discolouration from stains and age – strong detergents or bleaches can break down this coating over time, and so should be avoided.

## Rattan Weave and Frame

Built upon a frame that is made from seamless welded aluminium which is then powder coated to protect it from the elements. Aluminium is a great starting point for the process, as it is naturally impervious to rust and most forms of corrosion which is why it's used in aircraft manufacture so often! The result is a frame that can withstand years of hard use and requires zero care.

This hand-woven rattan is designed to take advantage of cutting edge technology – it is resistant to fading from UV light, it can be cleaned with a damp cloth and a mild soap. You can even hose it down with a high-pressure washer to get rid of any leaves that accumulate during winter. Because it is hand-woven you may notice individual stands of rattan that come unravelling over the years – these can be tucked back into the existing weave to bring them back to their original condition. At each stage of the weaving process the strands are secured, so even if an end comes loose, it will not continue to unravel.



## Tables and Glass Tops

The glass used is tempered to make sure it meets all the UK regulations for safety. When it comes to looking after it, you don't have to do much at all. It is recommended to avoid using strong bleaches as these can corrode the surface coatings of the glass which makes it less safe – use a mild detergent instead.

It is always important to use place mats when putting items on the table, while the surface is scratch resistant, all glass is susceptible to extreme heat from items such as lanterns or candles placed directly on it.

In extreme heats you may notice that the rattan below the surface of the glass appears to sag – this is designed to happen by orientating the direction of the weave. As the rattan heats up in direct sunlight it begins to put stress on the binding which could cause problems, but instead we encourage it to expand in such a way that all the excess tension is directed to the middle of the table where it is covered by glass. Do not worry – as the rattan cools down, it will re-tighten and your table will look as good as new!