

Julian Chichester
Maintenance and Care Instructions for Furniture

- **Glass:** Eglomise & Plain Glass: All glass to be cleaned with glass cleaner or a damp cloth (please note that silver leafing is protected underneath glass)
- **Silver leafed furniture:** Clean with a damp cloth and wipe gently (do not use cleaning detergents of any kind)
- **Wood Surfaces and finishes:** Clean with plain furniture polish i.e. pledge (do not use wax polish). Marks can be removed with warm soapy water
- **Faux Shagreen:** Clean with a damp cloth and wipe gently (do not use cleaning detergents of any kind)
- **Vellum Skin:** vellum has natural markings on the skin as we do not bleach it. However, for small spills etc wipe with milk
- FURNITURE CARE

Removing Dust & Dirt

- Dust using a soft lint-free dry cloth in the direction of the grain.
- Spills of any kind should be wiped clean as soon as possible.
- To remove dirt wipe with a soft lint-free cloth wrung out in warm water. Dry thoroughly with a soft lint-free dry cloth in the same direction as the grain. A very weak solution of pure soap washing up liquid in the water may be used for more stubborn marks or grease.
- For polished nickel surfaces we recommend simply using a soft lint-free cloth to burnish.

Cleaning Products

- Never use any silicon-based product or other spray polishes when cleaning. These will cause deterioration in the appearance of the furniture over time.
- Do not use abrasives or chemical cleaners such as metal polish which may damage the surface.
- The use of wax polish onto modern lacquered finishes is not recommended.

Avoiding Scratches & Dents

- Avoid placing handbags, brief cases or other sharp objects onto furniture.
- Always lift and never slide items across furniture such as lamps or candlesticks.
- When writing or using laptops on furniture surfaces need to be protected by a pad.
- **Temperature & Humidity**
- Crockery containing hot or very cold food or drinks should always be placed on heat resistant mats.
- Avoid placing furniture in direct sunlight or near any other form of heat such as radiators.
- In order to prevent adverse shrinkage and movement and to maintain the stability of JULIAN CHICHESTER furniture, a certain relative humidity needs to be maintained. You should aim to keep the relative humidity in the room at 45-50% (+/-5%).
- The relative humidity needs to be maintained at a constant level regardless of season. Any sudden change can cause shrinkage or splitting.

Damp

- Do not place wet objects onto furniture (flower vases, wet clothing etc.)
- Do not leave liquid spillages on the surfaces of the furniture. Wipe away immediately with a soft lint-free cloth.
- If your furniture does require refurbishment we strongly advise the services of a professional polisher.