



## CARE & MAINTENANCE FACT SHEET



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## OUTDOOR LOUNGE

### Material Properties

Weatherproof, Outdoor Lounge cushion covers (as used on both fully upholstered Outdoor Lounge collections, integral cushions on seating items and some optional cushion pads) use either Leisuretex or Soft Touch fabrics. Leisuretex fabrics are similar to a traditional PVC sling, but with the addition of 100% polypropylene yarns within the weave to offer increased comfort. An additional backing layer and fully sealed seams add to the water resistant properties. Soft Touch fabrics are made from 100% solution-dyed polyester with a unique nano-treatment on the surface that helps repel both water and stains alike. Taped seams and a TPE lamination layer on the reverse of the fabric further aids water resistance. Due to the lamination layer, when the cushion gets wet, all the moisture has to evaporate from the face of the fabric and may take longer to dry as a result.

Outdoor Lounge cushions are designed to be highly water resistant, so no water can enter into the cushion filling itself. In the unlikely case that any water does penetrate the outer cover, the construction of the cushions themselves - including a breathable polyester inner liner and reticulated foam & dacron core - allows water to freely pass through the interior and exit underneath. Open mesh bases on the outer covers assist by aiding airflow within the cushion, further speeding up the drying process.

The covers on most base and back cushions are removable and the interior of the cushions is water repellent. However, due to the highly tailored construction of these cushions, Gloster does not recommend removing the covers unless it is for replacement purposes.

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#### Cleaning (Light Soiling)

As with any item left permanently outside and exposed to the elements, regular cleaning is recommended - at least once a year. We also advise furniture is covered in the Winter months if possible.

For regular, general cleaning and light soiling use a solution of warm water and mild detergent.

1. Gently brush the fabric clean with a sponge, soft scrubbing pad or a soft bristle scrubbing brush.
2. Rinse well with clean water to remove all traces of the detergent solution.

**DO NOT** use a power washer to clean/rinse the cushions as this will cause de-lamination of the membrane on the inside of the cushion cover.

#### Watermarks

Due to the large surface area of base cushions in particular, it is possible, under certain conditions, for watermarks to appear on the fabric. Watermarks are not 'stains' as such and can occur on almost any fabric under certain conditions. On Leisuretex™, they may occur under conditions of uneven wetting and/or uneven drying. To avoid water marking it is important to dry cushions evenly, preferably in sunny, breezy conditions.

If a watermark appears, use Gloster Outdoor Lounge Fabric Cleaner to remove the mark, then rinse the cushion thoroughly all over, using clean water, and then allow to dry as evenly and quickly as practicable. Ideally, this should be in the open air and in direct sunlight if possible, which will assist more rapid and even drying.



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#### Cleaning (Heavy Soiling)

For more ingrained dirt and/or to remove specific stains use Gloster Outdoor Lounge Fabric Cleaner.

#### Instructions for Use

1. Before using the Outdoor Lounge Fabric Cleaner eye protection should be worn. Cover the ground under your working area before cleaning.
2. Mix one scoop (supplied with the cleaner) of powder per quart (1.3 litres) of water, warm water will allow the best results.
3. Stir thoroughly until the blue colour disappears, mix only what you intend to use within a 10 hour period.
4. Wet down surface of the fabric with clean water before application of the solution.
5. Sponge or brush the solution onto the surface of the fabric.
6. Let stand for 15 minutes or longer keep the area wet with solution, and then agitate with a plastic scrubbing brush, repeat if necessary.
7. Rinse with clean water; extra soiled areas may require a longer soak time or even overnight.

#### Mildew

All the fabrics used on Outdoor Lounge furniture are engineered with an active biocide within the fabric. The biocide will remain active through the life time of the products. However in extreme humid and moist environments, some level of mildew may develop on the surface of the fabric.

To prevent and remove mildew, we recommend that items are cleaned at least once a year using Gloster Outdoor Lounge Fabric Cleaner.