



## Information, Care & Maintenance

### Upholstery

- Sofas are the backbone of the Gus\* Modern Collection. Our sofas feature kiln-dried hardwood frames and no-sag 9-gauge sinuous spring construction, which produce dependable, long-lasting support.
- Our cushions are made with either PET fill, a high-density upholstery foam, or a combination of both to ensure that cushions hold their shape while providing outstanding comfort and support. Please visit our website at [www.gusmodern.com](http://www.gusmodern.com) for specific product information.
- Upon unpacking your new Gus\* sofa, we recommend you take the time to 'model' it with your hands to ensure it returns to its initial appearance that may be altered slightly during transportation. A light smoothing out of the upholstery and cushions will restore the sofa to its intended aesthetic.

### Fabric & Vinyl

- All fabric and vinyl offered in the Gus\* Collection has a high abrasion resistance with no less than Wyzenbeek 15,000 double rubs.
- For regular maintenance and to maintain the nap of the fabric, we recommend vacuuming your sofa regularly.
- Dab spills immediately with an absorbent cloth. Please refer to our cleaning guide for details on how to properly clean a specific fabric.
- If the Cleaning Code calls for spot cleaning with water/water-based cleaners, we recommend using distilled water rather than untreated tap water.
- Always test in an inconspicuous area first before using any product.
- For thorough cleaning, we recommend professional dry cleaning or a professional in-home upholstery cleaning service.
- Protect your furniture from direct sunlight, as this may cause the fabric to fade unevenly.

### Leather

- Gus\* uses aniline dyed leather, which creates a soft, supple product that will become richer as the years pass. The dye penetrates the hide with colour while allowing the natural grain to show through, as it is a natural product. Leather has unique characteristics shaped by nature, including subtle variations and markings.
- All Gus\* leather is easily maintained without polishes, preservers or leather soaps; however, it is possible to use a non-toxic leather conditioner.
- For routine maintenance, simply dust or vacuum to keep furniture looking good.
- Protect your furniture from direct sunlight as this may cause the leather to fade unevenly.
- Dab spills immediately with a soft cloth dampened in distilled water.
- Most surface marks will fade over time if you rub them with your finger. Natural oils are released to help the marks disappear. Leather will patina over time giving your piece its own unique character.

### Wood

- Gus\* wood accent pieces are constructed using a combination of solid wood construction and real wood veneers.
- To help maintain their appearance, we recommend cleaning the wood surfaces with a damp cloth in the direction of the grain. Ensure to dry any residual liquid immediately afterwards.
- Make sure solid wood is not exposed to direct sunlight for a long period of time.

- Do not put any hot or cold food items/beverages in direct contact with the wood surface as this may cause marking or damage to the finish. Using coasters will increase the longevity of solid wood.
- Spills must be cleaned immediately, or this may cause permanent damage.
- Shrinking, cracking or warping can happen as a direct result of humidity levels and direct sunlight. It is important to keep the humidity at an even level throughout the year. Wood is very susceptible to changes in the humidity of its environment, which causes it to expand and shrink. Climate control will minimize this; a level of 40%-55% humidity with an ideal temperature of 70-72 F should be maintained.

### **Lacquer**

- All Gus\* lacquer products are finished with a durable high gloss lacquer finish.
- To help maintain their appearance, we recommend cleaning the surface with a damp cloth.
- Do not use abrasive cleaning products as they will mar the surface.
- Do not hit the finish with a vacuum cleaner or other heavy items as this will chip the finish.

### **Acrylic**

- For the best results we recommend that you use a lint-free cloth and acrylic cleaner.
- Avoid using paper towels which may scratch the surface.
- Do not use window cleaner or any other alcohol or ammonia-based products, as they may permanently cloud the surface.

### **Lighting**

- For information about wattage recommendations or installation of Gus\* lighting products, please consult the product information card included with the light fixture or visit [www.gusmodern.com](http://www.gusmodern.com)
- Do not exceed recommended bulb wattage.
- We recommend that you consult a certified electrician for all hard wiring of electrical features.

### **Rugs**

- Shedding in wool rugs is completely normal. Vacuum your new rug at least once a week for the first few months until the rug has completed the shedding process.
- A weekly vacuum and the occasional shake outdoors is essential for removing deeply embedded dirt and prolonging the life of your rug. This will ensure that the dirt does not build up in the wool fibers. Make sure your vacuum is set to high height to avoid agitating the rug excessively.
- For deeper cleaning, we recommend shampooing the rug once all the dirt has been removed with a vacuum. Sponge the rug with cool water and a mild liquid soap or rug shampoo. It is essential that the rug is dried properly by gently squeezing it out or hanging it to dry under the sun. Never place your rug in the dryer. Make sure to dry both sides of your rug. Always test a small area with the cleaner first to ensure it is not going to damage the colour of your rug. If the material feels stiff after drying, vacuum the rug again to bring some of its softness back. Professional cleaning is also a great option for soiled rugs.
- Ensure that you attempt to remove a stain immediately after it occurs. Blot the rug with a towel to remove as much moisture from the stain as possible. Do not scrub; it is important to pull the stain out by blotting the rug not by rubbing it in. Use a mild detergent, rug cleaner, baking soda or a mixture of white vinegar and water, blot the stain with a clean sponge. Always test a portion of the rug first to ensure it is not going to have an adverse reaction to the cleaning agent. Natural cleaning products are recommended rather than cleaning agents with harsh chemicals. Once the stain is removed, lift the moist part of the rug by propping it up against the wall or a piece of furniture to ensure it dries completely.
- It is recommended to use a rug grip pad under your Gus\* rug to prevent it from sliding or buckling, especially in high traffic areas. Rug pads can be purchased at your local hardware store or online.

- Sometimes, as a tufted rug settles, a stray loop of yarn may pop up. This is normal, do not pull the loop simply trim it with scissors.
- It is recommended to rotate your rug every six months to ensure even wear and tear on the rug.
- Due to the handmade quality of our rugs, they may vary slightly in size, pattern and/or colour.

Please Note:

The care instructions provided above are here to assist you in the maintenance and enjoyment of your Gus\* products.

Gus\* is not responsible for any results of the use, proper or improper, of these methods.

For all upholstery, we recommend professional upholstery cleaning and/or dry cleaning for all needs beyond regular upkeep.

Most fabrics in the Gus\* Collection are inherently stain-resistant and therefore do not require a protective coating such as scotch-guarding. In some instances, such a coating can affect the appearance and/or 'nap' of the fabric and the application of such a coating will void the warranty.