

## **Lacquered or Coloured Wood**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

COLOURED ASH; CLEAR LACQUERED VENEER; LACQUERED VENEER; CLEAR LACQUERED SOLID WOOD; COLOURED SOLID WOOD. Wood is found in a variety of species. Fritz Hansen uses mainly oak, maple, beech, cherry and ash, each with their own natural characteristics in terms of colour, grain and hardness. The wood we use is sourced sustainably in the highest quality, without defects including knots, sap or cracks.

### VENEER

Veneer is a thin layer of hardwood bonded to a surface concealed underneath and finished with a layer of clear lacquer. A natural material, the colour and grain may vary from one furniture piece to another, although we take care to craft with veneer that is similar in appearance. N.B. Veneer surfaces patinate within the first weeks of use.

### CARE & MAINTENANCE

Never use abrasive cleaners including steel wool and polish. Instead, use a mild detergent and follow the packaging instructions. Do not clean furniture with damaged surface lacquer as the water will penetrate and cause warping.

For daily cleaning, wipe with a clean, damp cloth. Stains and dirt can be removed using a solution of hot water and a universal cleaning product, soap flakes (one tablespoon to one litre of lukewarm water), washing detergent or a mild vinegar solution. Wick away excess water immediately and wipe dry with a clean cloth.

For deeper cleaning, wipe away dirt and debris. Wring a clean cloth in a solution of water and a universal cleaning detergent, adding a little detergent directly on the cloth before applying to the stain(s). For stubborn stains, apply detergent directly and let it sit for a minute or two before rinsing with clean water. To avoid water marks, wipe dry with a soft cloth. N.B. Extension leaves must be completely dry before storing.

### CLEANING & STAIN REMOVAL

Remove stains and spills as quickly as possible, rinsing with clean water and drying with a soft cloth to avoid water marks.

- Ink/wax crayon: Spot removal with benzene cleaning solvent\* followed by a universal cleaner.

- Chewing gum: Benzine cleaning solvent\*.
- Beverages: Universal cleaner.
- Cosmetics/shoe polish: Universal cleaner.
- Oil: Benzine cleaning solvent\* or universal cleaner.
- Glue: Spot removal with benzine cleaning solvent\* followed by a universal cleaner.
- Candlewax: Benzine cleaning solvent\*.
- Printing ink: Spot removal with benzine cleaning solvent\* followed by a universal cleaner.
- Soot/nicotine: Universal cleaner.
- Finger marks: Universal cleaner or methylated spirits/glass cleaner.

\*Benzine is highly flammable. Use with caution, away from naked flames and in a well-ventilated room. Always wash off with clean water. To avoid stripes/blotches you should then wipe the surface with a clean, dry cloth until it is completely dry.

#### CAUTION

Avoid placing objects on the surface for longer periods of time as this will result in staining and/or discoloration. Never place hot items directly on wood surfaces. Although finished with a layer of clear lacquer for durability, repeated exposure to sunlight will cause wood to fade over time. Clothing rivets can leave pressure marks on wood.