

Aluminum Care and Maintenance Guide

Cleaning

Fabric (Slings): All sling fabrics are mold, mildew, and stain-resistant while remaining GreenGuard Certified. We recommend using the steps below to maintain the beauty and longevity of your furniture.

To clean:

- Use the Berlin Gardens Fabric Cleaner or mix $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of mild dish soap with 1 gallon of warm water.
- Use a sponge or a soft-bristle brush to gently scrub the fabric. Clean the entire surface, rather than spot cleaning. If mold/mildew is present on your sling and doesn't clean using the suggested process, please clean using 1 part bleach / 3 parts water.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Use the below cleaning solution for sling fabric:

- Use the Berlin Gardens Xtreme Clean or mix $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of Mr. Clean® with 1 gallon of warm water.
- Gently clean with soft cloth, sponge, or soft-bristle brush.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Aluminum Frames:

Use the below cleaning solution for aluminum frames:

- Use the Berlin Gardens Xtreme Clean or mix $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of Mr. Clean® with 1 gallon of warm water.
- Gently clean with soft cloth, sponge, or soft-bristle brush.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water.

Important: Avoid abrasive cleaners or scrubbers, as they can damage or dull the powder-coated finish. Avoid using a pressure-washer to clean the fabrics or the frame.

Touch Up Paint

If your aluminum frame becomes scratched or chipped, touch-up paint can be used to restore the appearance and protect the finish. Color-matched touch-up paint is available through your dealer.

Touch-Up Instructions

1. Cover your Sling /Poly surfaces to prevent Paint Contact.

2. Clean the Affected Area

- Wash the scratched or chipped area with mild soap and water.
- Rinse thoroughly and allow it to dry completely.

3. Prep the Surface

If scratched, lightly sand the area to smooth sharp edges and allow the paint to blend more effectively.

4. Clean Again

Wipe the area with rubbing alcohol to remove any dust, oils, or residue. Allow it to dry.

5. Apply Touch-Up Paint

- Shake the touch-up paint thoroughly before use.
- Hold the can approximately 10 inches away from the surface.
- Spray lightly and indirectly, approaching from multiple angles to ensure even coverage.
- Be sure to spray slightly beyond the damaged area to help the new paint blend with the surrounding finish.
- Apply thin, even coats, allowing proper drying time between each coat.
- Do not overapply, as this may cause an overly glossy finish.

Touch-Up for Speckled Colors

For furniture with a speckled finish, follow these steps:

1. Clean and lightly sand the affected area.
2. Apply the base color, holding the can about 10 inches away from the surface.
3. Let it dry completely. (see Drying Schedule Below)
4. Lightly apply the top color from a greater distance to mist over the base layer. The match may not appear correct at first.
5. Let dry, then reapply the base color.
6. Alternate layers as needed until the desired color match is achieved.

Tips for Best Results

- Practice first on a piece of scrap cardboard to get a feel for spray distance and control.
- When spraying a top layer, hold the can farther away than when applying the base coat.
- Always spray from multiple angles to ensure even coverage.
- Avoid heavy layering—thin coats prevent uneven sheen or glossy patches.
- After Use: To prevent clogging or splotchy spray, turn the can upside down and spray until clear. This cleans paint from the nozzle and tube for future use.

Drying Schedule

- To Touch: 15–30 minutes
- To Handle: 1–2 hours
- Fully Dried: 7 days

For small nicks: Spray some paint onto a flat dish and use a cotton swab (Q-tip) or small artist brush to carefully dab the paint onto the nicked area for better control.

For deep scratches that penetrate the bare metal—we recommend contacting your authorized Berlin Gardens dealer for assistance.

Sling Replacement

If your sling fabric becomes worn or damaged, we recommend contacting your authorized Berlin Gardens dealer for replacement assistance. Each of our items is applicable to replace the slings except for our chaise lounges.

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