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Solid wood furniture, if treated with OLI-NATURA oils and protected by a layer of OLI-NATURA hardwax, keeps the warmth and the natural character of wood. Wax gives the wood an especially beautiful, natural surface and makes it more resistant to moisture and dirt. The pores of wood surfaces treated with oil remain open, allowing the wood to continue breathing, which has a positive influence on the humidity features of the room too.

So that the beauty of your quality piece of furniture lasts for long years and you can enjoy our product just as long, it needs proper use and regular clean and care. The proper execution of the maintenance and the use of the table/furniture as intended guarantees a life-long quality surface for you. We kindly ask you to keep our instructions you can see in this guide. If you have any questions, your dealer will be pleased to help you.

The EDELHOLZ Team wishes you much pleasure with your solid wood furniture!

1. EDELHOLZ pieces of furniture are suitable for indoor use, their outdoor application is not allowed. In our manufactory each table top is made individually, according to customer order. The wood layers are carefully selected based on colour and texture. Although the basic colour and structure of Hungarian oak is uniform, between the layers there are natural differences in shade and texture, which are natural characteristics of wood. Unique surface treatments like smoking can increase these differences, but these may not be the subject of complaint. With time the colours can homogenize to a certain degree, as dark elements slightly lighten and the light elements get darker. This is a natural process of wood, like the appearance of slight cracks on it.

2. As wood is a hygroscopic material, the wood moisture equilibrium is determined by the prevailing temperature and the moisture content of the air in the room. In our factory the carefully produced and finished pieces of furniture/table tops are at appr. 50% relative air humidity and at appr. 20-25 °C set to 8-9% moisture content. Our table tops/pieces of furniture keep their size on condition of maintaining the wood moisture equilibrium. We kindly draw your attention to keep the air humidity between 40-60% and the temperature between 20-25 °C. Even if the ideal climate is maintained, smaller cracks can occur in the table top/furniture, but these are perfectly acceptable for wood as a natural material and are not the subject of a complaint. If necessary, during the heating period in winter, when the moisture content of the air can be permanently low, compensate for the lack of air humidity by artificial humidification. In unventilated wine cellars or during lasting rain periods it can happen that moisture must be extracted even from the normal living space, because air humidity exceeds 70-80%. Thus we recommend the use of dehydrators in the summer period. Failure to follow these important instructions can lead to undesired deformations of the table top/other pieces of furniture (gaps, warping, etc.) or to the occurrence of cracks. In these cases, the warranty is not valid.

3. Protect the furniture from direct sunshine! If the table top/furniture is exposed to direct light, it can heat up in an extremely short time. The table top can reach a surface temperature of up to 60-70 °C, leading to immediate moisture loss, thus to cracks. Protect the table top/furniture with shading if necessary, or by using shutters, blinds or curtains, so that the furniture is not exposed to direct solar radiation. Do not place the furniture in the close environment of fireplaces, radiators or other heaters, as the exposure to extreme heat can lead to dehydration, warps and cracks on the wood surface. This is also not the subject of complaint.

4. Your ordered EDELHOLZ table/furniture is delivered to your home by EDELHOLZ with a ready-to-use surface, so after assembly and delivery the table top/furniture does not require further surface treatment, and it is expressly FORBIDDEN!

5. The table top/furniture must not be permanently covered by glass, nylon or glue cloth. Otherwise, in case of a table the same air humidity and the proper acclimatization cannot be ensured on the top and bottom surface of the table top and on the edges. If the top and bottom of the tabletop cannot absorb and exude moisture under the same conditions (within the limits of our recommended dry temperature and air humidity values), it can lead to unwanted deformation, size changes or cracks, which are not covered by our warranty conditions.

6. Tables can be occasionally covered by nylon or canvas tablecloth, for example during meals. But after the use of the table, these must be removed from the surface. We recommend placing on the table tablecloth only if it provides the necessary ventilation. It is not recommended to place objects (vases, candlesticks, serving bowls, other ornaments) on the furniture permanently, in the same place. These, if left permanently in the same place, can leave stains on the surface, as UV radiation under objects does not reach the surface of the furniture. Thus, the table top/furniture as a whole may mature over time, usually darkens, but light spots may remain under fixed objects. It is also not recommended to permanently use a tablecloth that ensures ventilation, but does not cover the entire table top. A light spot may also remain under such a tablecloth.

7. The furniture, especially the table must be protected from moisture during use. If any liquid gets on the table top, make sure that the liquid is removed immediately with a well-wrung wipe cloth. This is especially true for acidic, corrosive substances like red wine or coffee. If spilled liquids do not stay on the surface for more than a few minutes, they can be easily removed without permanent discolouration. If any liquid is not removed immediately (within minutes) after it has come into contact with the surface, do not start rubbing it. It is not allowed to use commercially available cleaning agents, containing chemicals. In this case please follow our instructions below. In all other cases, an incompetent “stain removal attempt” can lead to PERMANENT damage.

8. Protect the furniture/table top surface from mechanical impact. When in use, protect the surface with canvas tablecloth, nylon, or with dish or other pads that provide adequate protection, and remove them from the surface after use. It is strictly FORBIDDEN to place hot pots or objects directly on the furniture/ table top without a pad! In this case, the use of a pad is mandatory!

9. Always use the products we recommend for cleaning and caring for our furniture/tables, and never use general cleaning agents, degreasers or other chlorine-containing products, as they can damage natural wood surfaces! For the maintenance always use high-quality, compatible products.

10. Dust can be like sandpaper on your table/furniture, so it has to be removed regularly. This should be carried out with a hand broom with soft bristle, a soft wiping cloth or a hand vacuum cleaner in case of dining tables. Avoid the use of steel wools, metal brushes and wiping cloth of synthetic fibres with sanding effect. Always start with dry cleaning! It is not allowed to clean with soaking wet tools!

DRY CLEANING OF SOLID WOOD TABLES

Cleaning of tables with a soft broom, a soft wiping cloth or a hand vacuum cleaner is a basic maintenance process. It should be carried out daily, if possible, and in case of dining table up to several times depending on usage. Dust can be like sandpaper on your tabletop and can make fine scratches on the surface.

WET CLEANING OF SOLID WOOD TABLES

As a general rule, wipe your table with a damp, well-wrung, clean cotton cloth. For the removal of stubborn grease and dirt, use OLI-NATURA Wood soap. This cleaning concentrate based on soap is an ideal solution for the regular care of hardwax-treated, quality wood tables. Wood soap fast and effectively removes grease and discoloration without fading the colour of the wood. Do not use general cleaning agents! General cleaning agents can dry the wood and damage the finishing of the table. The gentle wood soap ensures that the table is quickly cleaned and cared for.

Please note that if there is no need, do not use wood soap cleaner; if your table is not dirty, it is sufficient to apply it once or twice in a week or two.

Step by step:

- Remove coarse dirt with a hand broom with soft bristle, a soft wiping cloth or a hand vacuum cleaner.
- Shake the bottle of wood soap well before use.
- It is recommended to prepare the wood soap solution in a spray bottle. Add 5 ml of wood soap to 1 litre of lukewarm water.
- Spray the table surface, wipe and allow to dry.

Note: avoid cleaning with plenty of water.

REFRESHING AND MAINTENANCE OF WOOD TABLES

EDELHOLZ solid wood tables are coated with a layer of hardwax, which protects the surface against different external impacts, like liquids spilling on the surface or scratches. However, this layer gradually thins as a result of regular cleaning with wood soap. Depending on the use, wear and frequency of cleaning with wood soap, the tables should be refreshed with OLI-NATURA Wood Care Wax (every 4-12 months).

We recommend the following small test to decide if the refreshing is necessary: Drop a little water on the surface of the tabletop, if it visibly "rolls" on the surface and does not start to penetrate into the wood, the protection is still adequate, the surface does not require refreshing.

The wood care wax forms a protective layer on the surface of the solid wood table, evens out minor scratches and surface damages, and the surface will have a silky, matte effect again. The refreshing must be performed on the entire surface!

Step by step:

- Prior to any care, a dry cleaning and a wet cleaning with OLI-NATURA wood soap is recommended (see previous paragraph). After wet cleaning let the table dry!
- Shake container well before use.
- Pour the Wood Care Wax on a white oiling pad, apply evenly to the surface (10g/m^2) and then allow it to soak into the wood for a maximum of 10 minutes. After 10 minutes, work the wax

into the wood by hand with a white cotton cloth, first in a circular motion, then wipe the table top in the direction of wood too. Be careful not to leave excessive oil on the surface, soak it from the surface with a cotton cloth if necessary.

- Allow the refreshed table to dry for 12 hours, if necessary, for 24 hours. Avoid wet cleaning for a week! Wax needs so much time to properly harden on the surface of the wood.

Note: oiling pads and wipes impregnated with Wood Care Wax are dangerous because of the risk of spontaneous combustion! Therefore, the white oiling pad and the cotton cloth should be put into water immediately after use, then placed in an outer bin, in a plastic bag with the mouth of the bag tied.

Keep out of reach of children!