

Europa Leisure

Elegant Products for the Home and Garden

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Europa Leisure Products Explained

Travertine

Did you know that the Colloseum in Rome is made mostly of Travertine? The stone is characterised by pitted holes and fissures in its surface. These fissures occur naturally, and travertine is supplied 'filled' or 'unfilled.' The Europa range of tables are 'filled,' most having a smooth finish but two ("*Balmora*" and "*Blenheim*") have an 'etched' or textured finish. Our tables are constructed using a layer of travertine, hand cut into smaller pieces, and laid mosaic style on to a revolutionary lightweight base: an aluminium honeycomb sandwich. (Although our tables are 'filled,' some tiny pin holes or fissures can remain, and these are not deemed to be defects.)

Travertine is porous and will have a certain level of absorbency. Liquids and dirt can penetrate the surface and leave stains. By protecting and correctly maintaining the surface the majority of stains can be avoided, maintenance will be significantly reduced and the stones' beauty will be maintained for a longer period.

The "*Chartwell*" table is made in exactly the same way, but uses **Granite** which has been polished smooth, as opposed to Travertine. It should be cared for in the same way as the travertine range.

Europa Leisure strongly recommends the use of impregnators (sealers) and cleaners to maintain the look of our tables and to avoid common nasty spillages (such as red wine and fruit juice) from spoiling the look of these magnificent tables.

All our travertine table tops have been sealed but any spillages must still be cleaned off without delay.

We recommend the use of *Golden Care Granite Protector* to re-seal the tables and *Golden Care Granite Cleaner* for general cleaning. Both these products are available from Europa Leisure.

Ceramics

Our ceramic tile topped tables are laid in mosaic fashion with the exception of the "*Salerno*" table which is a single ceramic tile; some of our ceramic tables (such as the "*Toulouse*," "*Montpellier*" and "*Narbonne*") incorporate some tiles with a textured face, and a number of our tables have designs printed onto the tile surface, creating variegated colouring.

Ceramic tiles are very durable and can be cleaned easily with a damp cloth, but the glazed surface can be damaged by frost. The grout between the tiles should also be protected from frost and any spillages will need to be cleaned off as soon as possible to prevent staining.

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Natural Riven Stone

Natural stone is beautiful, but being a natural product, (as opposed to a manufactured product,) it is less uniform in color and texture than our ceramic tiles. The natural stone or slate is sawn on the reverse side to achieve a uniform thickness, but the upward facing side is intentionally left in its original 'riven' or 'rippled' state.

The texture, extent of rippling and colour of the stone will vary from one stone to another and even within the same piece. Any 'marks,' 'pits' and 'fissures' are part of the natural beauty of our riven stone tables, and are not deemed to be faults. ('Marks,' 'pits' and 'fissures' can even manifest themselves after a period of time as the table 'weathers,' and again these are not defects.) They should be explained to your customers as a unique selling feature as opposed to a defect, as every table really is a 'one-off!'

Natural stone can be stained by spilled liquids; it should be sealed and periodically resealed with a sealant. Both sealant and cleaners are available from Europa Leisure.

Cast Aluminium (*"Roma," "Florence," "Napoli," "Torino," "Milano"*)

Aluminium is a durable and lightweight metal, and an ideal material for garden furniture. The Europa tables and chairs in this range are made of a heavy quality cast aluminium not to be confused with the far lighter extruded or tubular aluminium in the market place.

Aluminium is renowned for its durability in all weathers and this point should be considered by consumers, particularly if they live in coastal regions where the salt in sea air causes ferrous metals to corrode more rapidly.

Steel

Many of our ranges are partially constructed of steel or cast iron. Although our furniture undergoes treatments against rust this treatment cannot last forever. Minor blemishes are not uncommon and are not deemed as a fault. We do offer touch up paints for minor repairs where the protective powder-coat has been damaged.

Dura-Wicker

All of our chairs, with the exception of the *"Richmond," "Roma," "Florence," "Napoli"* and *"Milano"* have Dura-Wicker seats. This wicker is not adversely affected by the rain, but we do recommend however that the chairs be stored away in very cold weather conditions.

Cleaning the wicker is a very simple procedure; warm soapy water should be used to wash down the wicker and a clean cloth used to dry off the furniture before it is ready to use again.