

# MUNDER SKILES

## Outdoor Cushions

**CAUTION!!**

### **FOR CUSHIONS ON NEW WOOD FURNITURE**

Initially new wood garden furniture, either mahogany or teak, releases a reddish-brown liquid called tannin as the wood turns to a weathered silver gray. If that liquid (tannin) percolates to the surface of wet or damp wood it can possibly stain your cushions. This is especially true for white or light colored cushions. This is not color fading and usually can be washed off with diluted bleach or Simple Green with cold water.

So, we encourage you try to keep an eye out before or after rain or the water fight by the pool. After about 4-6 months, your furniture will have turned a beautiful silver gray and it will no longer pose a problem to your cushions.

## Care & Maintenance

All outdoor cushions should be brushed off or hosed down regularly before loose dirt and soil accumulate on or become embedded in the fabric. If further cleaning is necessary, we recommend using a mild natural soap in lukewarm water no more than 100 degree Fahrenheit. Ivory liquid soap and other mild cleansers are suitable. Rinse thoroughly to remove soap. While cleaning cushions there is no need to remove the foam interior. You can use diluted bleach and also diluted eucalyptus oil to further summon out stains. Simply allow cushions to air dry when they are wet.

When washing or cleaning do not expose fabric to excessive heat. Do not use hot water. Do not dry clean, steam press or dry fabric in electric or gas dryers as the fabric will shrink. If the fabric has become mildewed (black spots) use a mild solution of bleach and lukewarm water to clean. Our clients use fabrics from different companies, so these washing instructions are a synthesis of the manufacturers' recommendations. Therefore, it is always good to read the cleaning recommendations provided directly from the fabric company.

## Cushion Information

In the cushions we produce, we use reticulated foam formulated for outdoor use. Our resilient and durable foam core and outdoor Dacron fillings are drainable materials which resist the deteriorating effects of the elements. We use outdoor threads. The fabric used on outdoor cushions should be a solution dyed acrylic which resists fading and loss of strength from exposure to the UV rays of the sun.

Cushions can be left outdoors, but we believe they last longer if stored when not in use. And of course, winter storage is highly recommended to prevent wear and tear. Most fabric companies have a 3 year sun fading guarantee.



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