

CARE AND CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

McKinnon and Harris manufactures high-performance estate furniture built to endure the most demanding exterior environments. Our proprietary multi-layer architectural powder coating process yields an incredibly tough finish; however, regular care and standard maintenance are vital to preserving its pristine appearance and structural integrity indefinitely.

General Maintenance and Washing Routine

To preserve the luxurious luster of your powder-coated aluminum frames and avoid structural salt or pollutant buildup, furniture should be cleaned thoroughly at least 2-4 times a year, or more frequently in coastal environments.

1. **Preparation:** Thoroughly rinse the furniture frames with clean, fresh water using a garden hose to break down and wash away loose dirt, surface salt, or abrasive grit particles.
2. **Washing Solution:** Prepare a solution of warm water mixed with a mild, pH-neutral liquid soap such as McKinnon and Harris furniture wash (or an approved automotive car wash soap). Do not use harsh industrial solvents or acidic detergents.
3. **Gentle Scrubbing:** Using a soft, clean microfiber cloth or a non-abrasive soft sponge, wipe down all surfaces carefully. Pay special attention to structural crevices, joints, and underside tracks where organic materials collect.
4. **Final Rinse & Dry:** Rinse the furniture comprehensively with clean water to completely eliminate soap residues. Whenever possible, wipe the frames dry with a soft microfiber towel to prevent mineral spots from hard water.

Critical Finish Warnings

- **Pressure Washers:** Never use a pressure washer on McKinnon and Harris furniture. High velocity streams can compromise the edge seals, micro-crack the powder coat, and void your 5-year finish warranty.
- **Abrasives:** Never use steel wool, wire brushes, scouring pads, or abrasive kitchen cleansers. These will permanently micro-scratch the powder coat finish.

Touch-Up Paint and Blemishes

- **Touch-Up Procedure:** Small scratches and scuffs can often be removed by using a rubbing compound or automotive paste wax. For chips in the finish, please use the custom-formulated McKinnon and Harris touch-up kit. Clean the affected area with an alcohol swab and let it dry. Shake the touch-up bottle for over 60 seconds (shake time is essential for the paint to properly blend). Open the paint bottle and gently paint the scratch or chip with long even strokes, taking care not to over-apply the paint to the surface.

Special Environment Maintenance (Coastal and Saline Areas)

For furniture deployed beachfront, dockside, or within proximity to ocean salt spray, salt crystallization will form aggressively on finishes. The salt crust acts as a concentrated corrosive agent if left undisturbed.

- **Rinse Frequency:** Wash frames down weekly with fresh hose water to prevent salt crystallization.
- **Finish Protection:** After a thorough cleaning, apply McKinnon and Harris ceramic coating annually to the dry aluminum frames. Buff gently with a microfiber cloth. This adds an invisible sacrificial barrier against harsh UV and salt degradation.

Performance Textile and Cushion Care

McKinnon and Harris uses premium outdoor fabrics engineered to be highly water-resistant and UV stable. However, atmospheric dust and organic debris will collect and foster mildew growth if not routinely managed.

Routine Textile

- Brush away loose dirt regularly. Spray the fabric surface with a gentle solution of mild soap and lukewarm water.
- Clean uniformly from seam to seam using a very soft bristle brush.
- Rinse thoroughly with fresh water and allow cushions to air-dry completely in an upright position.

Stubborn Stain and Mildew Remediation

- If mold or mildew develops due to trapped organic matter, mix a solution of 1 cup of household bleach, 1/4 cup of mild liquid soap, and 1 gallon of clean water.
- Spray the entire cushion surface, let it soak into the fabric for up to 15 minutes, scrub gently with a soft brush, and rinse comprehensively. Air dry completely.

Hardware, Glides, and Moving Elements

- **Stainless Steel Fasteners:** Over long periods, stainless steel hardware parts may exhibit “tea staining” (microscopic surface oxidation). Clean hardware with a soft toothbrush and mild detergent, then apply a light coating of marine wax.
- **Replacement Glides:** Periodically inspect the high-density polyethylene feet glides on the base of the furniture legs. Replace worn-out glides promptly to avoid scratching both your outdoor stone terraces and the protective finish on the bottom of the aluminum legs.

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