

Veneer: Care and protection

Scratches

Use a desk pad to protect your wood surfaces from marks, scratches and rings that glasses and cups can leave. Lift objects whenever possible. Most scratches are made by pushing or pulling objects across wood.

Plastic and rubber

Some plastics contain compounds, which keep the material soft.

When objects containing these compounds are placed on wood, they may damage the wood finish, causing cloudiness or imprints. To prevent this, use felt or leather pads on the table top.

Do not use desk pads that have plastic backing.

Avoid leaving plastic folders or binders on your veneer table top. They keep wood from "breathing".

Effects of Light

Patina

Just like leather, wood changes over time.

Light - including moonlight - affects wood, making it change colour in a process known as "mellowing".

Each species of wood mellows. Some take on a warmer honey tone while others grow darker or lighten.

Periodically move around the objects and accessories on your desk and furniture to avoid shadows on your wood surfaces.

Effects of Light

The colour is getting darker, golden: CC, ER, MX, NU, OZ

The colour does not significantly change: HW, HP, WE, CG, FG

Reflection

Trees contain a "vascular" system of fibres that carries sap to every part.

These fibres are what make wood reflect light differently depending on how it is placed.

For example, a top and an extension having different fibres will seem to have different shades.

But if you walk around them you will notice how the light changes on the surfaces and the shiny and velvety effects of the wood.

Avoid extreme temperatures and humidity.

Basic advice

Clean with a soft cloth slightly dampened with water. Use another soft cloth to dry so that no water remains on the surface.

Always wipe the surface in the direction of the wood grain

Stain removal

Soapy water or solution.

Mix alcohol with water (50/50).

Do not use products with silicone.