

Wood Tabletop Care and Maintenance

Soft Touch Furniture tabletops are manufactured to exacting standards under constant quality control inspections. However, wood tabletops are subject to shrinkage, warping, and seasonal cracks because of the natural moisture within the wood reacting to changes in atmospheric conditions. While not common, such occurrences are an unavoidable condition of enjoying the character and beauty of a living material. They are not defects in the products or their manufacture and are beyond the control of Soft Touch Furniture. Such occurrences are nonstructural and will not affect the durability of the table. Cracks filled with a cellulose filler of the right tint are practically invisible.

Proper care and installation of the tabletops is the best prevention for any problems.

Soft Touch Furniture recommends using solid wood tabletops in cool room settings (68° - 72°F) with a relative humidity between 40% and 45%. Proper air circulation in the room is necessary. Any sudden changes in temperature or humidity can affect the tabletops, so change your thermostat settings gradually as the seasons change.

Excessive heat, cold, dryness, or humidity are often the causes of any cracking or splitting in the wood. Carefully consider the placement of your tables. Avoid direct sunlight, heat sources, and bright lighting. Also, do not place tables in close proximity to radiators, heating vents, space heaters, ovens, or wood-burning stoves.

Everyday care of wood tabletops requires attention. To prevent warping, do not use vinyl table cloths and/or glass tops on your tables. Avoid placing extremely hot (above 190°F) plates directly on the wood tabletops; high temperatures can cause straining or cracking. Wipe up any excess water immediately. Extreme pen pressure when using the tabletop as a writing surface can cause damage. Also be aware that using china with unglazed or rough bottoms may cause scratching of the tabletop surface.

To clean the tabletops, use a soft cloth dampened with mild detergent and water. Wipe dry with a second clean, soft cloth. Never use polish or cleaners that contain alcohol, silicone, ammonia, degreasers, or abrasives.

All screws applied to wood tops require a pilot hole. The size or diameter of the pilot hole should be 1/32" smaller than the diameter of the screw (up to a #10). Wood screws #12 and larger should be 1/16" smaller than the diameter of the screw. The depth of the pilot hole is to equal the portion of the screw penetrating the top. Use care to not drill through the face.

The only warranty expressed or implied is a one-year guarantee against defects in workmanship and material. This warranty does not apply to damages that may result from neglect, accidental or intentional damage, exposure to extremes in temperature and humidity, and alteration or abuse of the product. Wood products ordered unfinished do not come with a warranty. See Terms and Conditions for additional information.

Remember, the beauty and longevity of your tabletops is determined by your care of them.