

# USE & CARE MANUAL: RATTAN PATIO SOFA CHAIR

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## I. Daily & Routine Cleaning

- **Dust Removal:** Regularly wipe all surfaces (rattan, frame, glass if applicable) with a soft, dry cloth to remove loose dust and debris.
- **General Cleaning:**

Use a solution of mild soap (dish soap) and lukewarm water.

Dampen a soft sponge or clean cloth in the solution, wring thoroughly to avoid excess water.

Gently wipe down rattan/wicker and metal frame surfaces.

Rinse: Wipe surfaces with a clean cloth dampened with plain water to remove soap residue.

Dry: Always wipe surfaces dry immediately with a soft, clean towel. Allow to air dry completely before use or covering.
- **Glass Table Top (if applicable):** Clean using a soft, clean cloth or towel with a mild glass cleaner or the mild soap solution mentioned above. Dry thoroughly.

## II. Specific Component Care

- **Rattan/Wicker (Natural or PE)**

Clean as per "General Cleaning" above using a damp cloth and mild soap solution.

Avoid soaking.

Do not use abrasive cleaners, brushes, bleach, or harsh solvents.

Avoid placing heavy or sharp objects directly on the wicker to prevent damage or distortion.
- **Metal Frame**

Wipe away any moisture, rain, or spills promptly from the powder-coated frame to prevent water spots and potential corrosion.

If the powder coating becomes chipped or scratched, touch up immediately with a suitable rust-resistant paint to prevent rust.
- **Cushions**

**Water Resistance:** Cushion covers have a water-resistant coating. However, they are not waterproof. Protect cushions from heavy rain, standing water, or prolonged liquid exposure.

**Immediate Action:** If cushions get wet, wipe the cover surface dry promptly. For significant wetness, unzip the cover, remove the foam insert, and prop both parts up separately to air dry completely before reassembling and using. Never use cushions while damp.

**Cleaning Covers:**

**Spot Clean:** For spills or stains, spot clean immediately with a damp cloth and mild soap solution. Blot, do not rub. Rinse area with a damp cloth and dry thoroughly.

**Full Wash:** Machine washing is possible (check care label if present), but frequent washing is not recommended as it degrades the UV protection and water-resistant coating over time.

**Recommended Method:** Hand wash in cold water using a mild detergent is preferable to preserve the coating. Rinse thoroughly.

**Drying:** Always air dry cushion covers completely. Do not use a tumble dryer or direct heat, as this can cause shrinkage and damage coatings/stitching.

**Foam:** Ensure foam inserts are completely dry before placing them back in the covers to prevent mold/mildew.

### **III. Protection from the Elements**

- **Sunlight:** Minimize prolonged exposure to intense direct sunlight, as this causes fading in both rattan/wicker and cushion fabrics. Position furniture strategically or use shade solutions.

- **Rain & Moisture:**

During rainy periods or when not in use for extended periods, store cushions indoors.

Promptly wipe off any rain or moisture from the chair frame and rattan surfaces.

**Covering:** We strongly recommend covering your sofa chair with a fitted, weatherproof cover whenever it is not in use, both during the season and especially off-season. This is the single best way to protect against UV fading, dirt, rain, and bird droppings, significantly extending the furniture's life.

- **Storage:**

For long-term storage (e.g., winter), ideally store the clean and completely dry chair indoors in a cool, dry place.

If indoor storage isn't possible, ensure it is meticulously clean, dry, and securely covered with a high-quality, breathable, weatherproof cover in a sheltered location.

#### **IV. Usage & Maintenance Tips**

- **Avoid Dragging:** Never drag the chair across surfaces (patio, deck, grass), as this can damage the feet, frame, and rattan. Always lift to move it.
- **Hardware Check:** Periodically check and tighten any bolts, screws, or fasteners to maintain stability and safety.
- **Extreme Conditions:** Protect furniture from extreme weather conditions (hail, heavy snow, freezing temperatures, strong winds) by moving it to shelter or ensuring it is very securely covered.