

OHIO

HARDWOOD FURNITURE

The Fundamentals of Fine Finish

<p>CURING & DURABILITY</p>	<p>When you receive your furniture the finish is 80% cured. This is similar to cement, it is hard, protective and ready for use right away, however, it takes an additional 3-4 weeks for the final hardening of the surface. For the first 3-4 weeks in your home avoid heat and moisture to the surface.</p>
<p>HUMIDITY</p>	<p>There will be natural movement of wood. Example, a table top will show a small gap certain times of the year, and then it will close back up. This is a natural product, it is not plastic.</p>
<p>ABRASION & SCRATCHING</p>	<p>Catalyzed varnish is tough, but not bullet proof. There will be scratches and dents along the way if you use your furniture. There are ways to avoid this. Do not slide items across furniture, make sure to lift and move. Sliding dishes or cups that have rough bottoms will scratch the surface. Make sure you put soft protective pads underneath vases and decorative items. Keep your furniture free of dust. Dust particles, while small, can be abrasive. Remember, this is a durable varnish, but even the toughest automobile finish will scratch with abrasion.</p>
<p>SPILLS & WATER RINGS</p>	<p>Blot up spills immediately. The surface finish provides a tight web of protection that makes most spills that would ruin a normal lacquer finish not a problem. However, moisture for an extended period of time can cause slight discoloration that, with time, will in most cases disappear. Try to avoid this by blotting up any spills as they happen.</p>
<p>EXTREME HEAT</p>	<p>Avoid placing extremely hot items on the surface, especially in the first 3-4 weeks in your home. At any time you should never take anything directly out of the microwave or oven and place directly on your furniture. The average heat out of a microwave is 211°F. Catalyzed varnish is tested to withstand temperatures up to 140°F.</p>
<p>NATURAL DARKENING</p>	<p>Especially so with a natural or light color. Make sure to rotate place mats and accessories to prevent uneven aging when exposed to natural sunlight. Remember to rotate table leaves, as well. Table leaves that are always stored away from sunlight will not age the same as the rest of your table.</p>
<p>CLEANING & POLISHING</p>	<p>Care for your heirloom furniture with Essentials® Fine Furniture Polish & Spotless Cleanser. It is formulated, specifically, to maintain the beauty and luster of furniture that has been finished with catalyzed varnish, but works on all finishes and wood species. Clean your furniture regularly with H.E. Spotless Furniture and Glass Cleaner to remove fingerprints, dust, grease and food residue. Spotless can be used on wood, glass, vinyl and many other hard surfaces. Polish once a week, or as often as you'd like with H.E. Fine Furniture Polish to maintain the rich luster of your furniture. Available in wide variety of fragrances.</p>
<p>PRODUCTS TO AVOID</p>	<p>Please do not clean or polish your wood furniture, cabinetry or flooring with products containing silicone, wax or ammonia. These additives will damage varnish with repeated use. Wax buildup on varnished wood will react to moisture, heat and solvents causing hazing or blushing that would not typically occur on a clean surface. Silicone will prevent varnished wood from ever being refinished in the future. Ammonia will soften any finish, with repeated use, making it soft and sticky.</p>