



CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE  
OF GISPEN FURNITURE

Sustainable use and durability start with appropriate cleaning and structural maintenance. By paying attention to cleaning and maintenance, you will enjoy our designer furniture for longer. This brochure tells you how properly to clean and treat the different parts and materials of our products. Here too we work with you to ensure sustainability and value retention in education, care, work and hospitality environments.

**ESSENTIAL ADVICE:**

- Be on the lookout for stains and remove them as soon as possible. This way you will prevent potential damage.
- Test cleaning products and instructions first on an out-of-sight area like the underside of a table top or chair.

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**METAL**

Many structural components are made of metal. We use chrome, polished aluminium and powder coated metal in our furniture. The strong protective coating makes metal highly resistant to harmful influences.

Clean metal parts with a soft cloth and avoid any scouring. Remove stains with a clean, soft cloth and glass cleaner. Always choose a mild detergent. Do not use grainy substances, vinegar or citric acids; these cause serious damage such as scratches.





### MELAMINE AND HPL

Melamine and HPL are the most common surface finishes for Gispen furniture. They are strong materials that are very suitable for intensive use. Melamine and HPL are highly resistant to moisture, sharp objects, scratches and high temperatures. Protect these materials from UV light to preserve their colour. Never place the furniture in direct sunlight, against radiators or heating elements to avoid discolouration and damage.

Special maintenance is not required due to its strength properties. Clean the materials with a soft cloth, warm water and gentle soap. Avoid any sort of scouring and dry with a cloth. Always polish in the direction of the grain or in circles if the material has no texture. Do not use grainy substances, scouring pads, steel wool or harsh (chemical) cleaning agents; these cause serious damage such as stains and scratches.

### WOOD AND VENEER

Our furniture designers love working with wood and veneer. Beautiful natural products that are very stable and durable. However, wooden furniture is fragile and requires proper, thorough maintenance. Protect wood and veneer from heat, moisture and sharp objects. Wood is a natural product and can therefore discolour. Protect the materials from UV light too - that way you will preserve the colour. To avoid discoloration and damage, never place wooden furniture in direct sunlight, or against radiators or heating elements.

In order to remove stains, first use a dry and soft cloth. Remove stubborn stains with a soft cloth, warm water and gentle soap. Then dry the wet surface with a cloth straight away. Do not use grainy substances, scouring pads, steel wool or harsh (chemical) cleaning agents; these cause serious damage such as stains, scratches and discolouration.



**LINOLEUM**

Linoleum is used as a high-quality surface layer and provides a beautiful finish for our furniture. Linoleum is a natural product; proper maintenance is therefore very important. Protect linoleum from heat, moisture and sharp objects. Protect the material from UV light too - that way you will preserve the colour. In order to avoid discolouration and damage, never place linoleum furniture in direct sunlight, or against radiators or heating elements.

Special care is not necessary for linoleum. Clean this material with a soft, dry cloth. Remove stubborn stains with a soft cloth, warm water and a pH-neutral cleaning agent. Then dry the wet surface with a cloth straight away. Do not use grainy substances, scouring pads, steel wool or harsh (chemical) cleaning agents; these cause serious damage such as stains, scratches and discolouration.

**ACRYLIC/PLEXIGLASS**

Acrylic/plexiglass is used as physical shielding in work environments. This material protects employees while allowing them to continue to see each other and their surroundings. The transparency and clarity of this material are therefore very important.

Use a clean, soft cloth with warm water to remove stains. Then dry the material with a soft cloth. In order to avoid scratches, always clean acrylic/plexiglass with a soft cloth without scouring. Add a small amount of detergent to the water if the stain is stubborn. Do not use benzene, thinner, acetone, glass cleaner or alcohol; these chemicals dull the material.



**GLASS**

Glass is used in our furniture as a form of physical shielding. This material protects employees while allowing them to continue to see each other and their surroundings. The transparency and clarity of this material are therefore very important.

In order to avoid scratches, always clean glass surfaces with a soft cloth without scouring. Use a clean cloth with warm water to remove stains. Then dry the glass with a soft cloth. Add detergent to the water if the stain is stubborn. Opt for vinegar to avoid streaks on the glass. Glass is chemically resistant, allowing cleaning with alcohol. Beware of spills though; alcohol can stain.



## PLASTIC



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We use high-quality plastic in various furniture components. This material is very strong, easy to maintain and recyclable after use.

Plastic is easy to clean with a soft cloth and warm water. For stubborn stains, you can clean plastic with diluted green soap. Do not use aggressive cleaning agents such as bleach, chlorine or alcohol; these cause stains and discolouration.



## TEXTILES

Gispen uses many different types of textiles to upholster furniture. The fabrics are made of different materials. Protect textiles from heat, moisture and sharp objects. Protect textiles from direct sunlight too - in order to preserve their colour.

### Polyester

Polyester-based fabrics are easy to maintain.

Clean polyester of dust by vacuum cleaning it regularly. Stains on polyester can be cleaned with a soft cloth and warm water. Wring out the cloth well so that the fabric does not get too wet and always rub from the outside in. Is the stain stubborn? In that case you can dry clean the fabric. Do not use chemical cleaning agents; these cause stains and discolouration.

### Wool

Wool naturally has a protective layer against dirt and stains. This makes a wool fabric quite easy to maintain.

Clean wool of dust by vacuum cleaning it regularly. Wool is easy to clean with a soft cloth and warm water. Wring out the cloth well so the fabric does not get too wet and rub from the outside in. If the result is inadequate, you can steam the fabric. Do not use chemical cleaning agents; these cause stains and discolouration.



### Imitation leather

Imitation leather is the strongest fabric in our collection. We mostly use imitation leather in educational and healthcare environments because dirtying quickly occurs there, for example due to ink (education), blood and urine (healthcare). Protect imitation leather from heat, moisture and sharp objects.

Clean imitation leather with a soft cloth, gentle soap and warm water. Do not use scouring pads; these cause damage. Add a professional imitation leather cleaning agent to the water if the stain is stubborn. Always dry the imitation leather. Do not use chemical cleaning agents; these cause stains and discolouration.

For educational and healthcare environments, imitation leather is usually cleaned with disinfectants containing alcohol, chlorine, hydrogen peroxide and the like. These agents can corrode the material. After cleaning with these agents, it is advisable to rinse the material with water and dry. We recommend that you test in advance, in consultation with the supplier, which agent is most suitable for cleaning the imitation leather that has been applied in your case and determine the frequency of cleaning, so that you can adjust your cleaning procedure accordingly.

## LEATHER

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The leathers used on Gispen furniture have a dirt-resistant protective coating. It is important to dust leather every week with a lint-free cloth. For optimal preservation, care for the leather twice a year with a special leather care product. Protect leather from heat, moisture and sharp objects. Protect leather from direct sunlight too - that way you will preserve the colour.

Soak up spillages immediately with a clean, dry cloth. Try not to scrub, but rub lightly or dab gently. Clean the entire surface - not just the stain - with a professional leather cleaner. Always rub from the outside in and test the remedy on an inconspicuous spot first. Do not use chemical cleaning agents such as turpentine, stain remover, petrol, acetone, floor polish, shoe polish, or solvents; these cause stains and discolouration.





## CONTACT

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As a designer, manufacturer and supplier we strive to create optimum environments that have a positive influence on people. We actually put our core values into practice, which is how Gispen has become a trusted brand of striking and sustainable furniture design. Our product range is ideally suited for furnishing educational, healthcare, office and hospitality environments.

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