

# BRENT COMBER

## CARE AND FEATURES

The pieces comprising Brent Comber's collection are constructed from durable, natural wood. To enhance the aesthetic design and the furniture's best qualities, they require occasional care.

You may find varying degrees of checks or cracks on the ends or sides of your piece when it arrives. These naturally occur as the wood dries (and shrinks) to the correct moisture content. Although the wood is kiln dried prior to carving it may still want to shed more moisture as it acclimatizes to its new relative humidity. Wood, being hygroscopic, will always try to maintain an equal moisture content within its cell walls to the surrounding air. This process is ongoing and it may accentuate the character checks, or generate new ones, but will not compromise your piece.

These variations are part of the inherent beauty of the wood and have been considered in the design of your piece.

A special varnish that provides protection from spills and scuffs is used to finish many of Brent Comber's pieces. Stubborn spots may be cleaned with a non-abrasive cleaner (like Windex). Generally a clean, damp cloth is all that you need!

Leg levellers are attached to each piece in order to raise the piece off the floor or carpet/rug to allow for proper air circulation. Each piece releases humidity and if the carpet is in direct contact with the piece, there is a possibility the fibers can stain, despite each piece being sealed. The levellers are used to lift the piece so that they are not in direct contact.

Oil, as compared to varnish, is referred to as a soft finish. Your oiled piece may require a little more attention depending on the amount of wear and exposure it experiences. Since oil is a penetrating finish, periodic and careful application will provide a deep reliable finish for many years. Please contact us if you would like more information on how to care for your oiled piece.

Walnut, ebony or other stained pieces in the collection are subject to the same possibilities as the clear varnished and oiled pieces. Should some raw wood reveal itself, you have been provided with a small bottle of touch up stain. Simply squeeze a small amount on the area and wipe the excess with a clean cloth. Careful not to spill, reseal the bottle with the red cap and store upright... they don't call it stain for nothing!

Cedar pieces used outdoors should be expected to fade over time, eventually resulting in a soft patina. The degree to which this occurs will depend on the amount of exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays and the elements. Periodic cleaning with mild, soapy water and reapplying a good quality clear oil will help extend the life of your furniture.

Regardless of how your Brent Comber piece has been finished, all commercial cleaners and polishes should be avoided. Simply be diligent in wiping up any standing moisture on the surface (especially alcohol) and you will keep your piece in its peak condition. Remember to appreciate and enjoy both the form and function of your Brent Comber original!

