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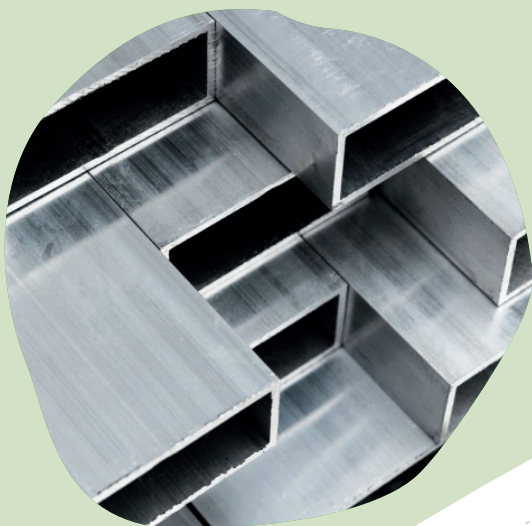
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All of Play'n'Learn's outdoor timber-based products are manufactured from FSC® certified and/or sustainably produced timbers.



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About your Foundations Furniture

The Foundations Collection embraces the beauty of earthy tones and modern design to create an aesthetically pleasing learning environment for children and educators alike. Our four calming colours, the clean lines, and elegant design elements work together to craft furnishings that foster creativity, well-being, and a true sense of home. At the core of the Foundations Collection is our commitment to durability and value-for-money. Foundations furniture boasts impressive characteristics including stain, scratch, and impact resistance; ensuring it withstands the test of time. As an educator, you can be assured you're choosing pieces that are not only visually appealing but also resilient and long-lasting.

Play'n'Learn takes pride in our responsible, sustainable approach to furniture design and manufacturing. By managing the entire process in-house, we're able to minimize waste, streamline production, and ensure our furniture is kinder to the environment. This efficient model allows us to offer the Foundations Collection at an accessible price point without compromising on quality, giving Early Childhood Education services the opportunity to create nurturing, vibrant learning spaces that will stand the test of time, while making your budgets go further.

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While Foundations furniture is manufactured from a durable direct-press laminate surface, like most products, they require regular care and maintenance to stay looking great. To help keep your Foundations furniture looking good as new, we've put together this handy guide.

Cleaning

- A soft cloth should always be used
- Apply cleaning products to the cloth rather than directly onto the product. For best results use streak free glass cleaner with a soft cloth
- **Avoid using water to clean Foundations units** – glass cleaner, acetone, or a small amount of 'spray & wipe' is recommended.

Stain and Mark Removal

- For smearing, finger marks, stickiness – apply one or two applications of acetone (available at pharmacies) and wipe over with a dry cloth
- For pencil or felt pen or dry marker – apply one or two applications of acetone (available at pharmacies) and wipe over with a dry cloth
- For water-based paint – soft cloth and water, or a streak free glass cleaner with a soft cloth.
- **Avoid using water to clean Foundations units** – glass cleaner, acetone, or a small amount of 'spray & wipe' is recommended.

HANDY TIP:
Avoid using water, glass cleaner or acetone to clean Foundations units.



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How to care for your Nortica product

Nortica composite timber is a sustainably sourced and manufactured mixture of ground wood waste and recycled plastic (including recycled plastic milk bottles).

Our Nortica composite timber is manufactured to the highest-achievable level of slip resistance P5 (AS 4586:2013), making it ideal for children's outdoor furniture and play equipment.

You will never have to sand, stain or oil your outdoor play products ever again! With a Nortica product from Play'n'Learn, simply wash down and occasionally sweep to maintain a beautiful product.

Nortica composite wood carries a 25-year manufacturer's guarantee.

Nortica Range - Care Instructions

Care & Longevity

Nortica Composite Timber is relatively maintenance free, however, regular cleaning is important in keeping the product looking beautiful.

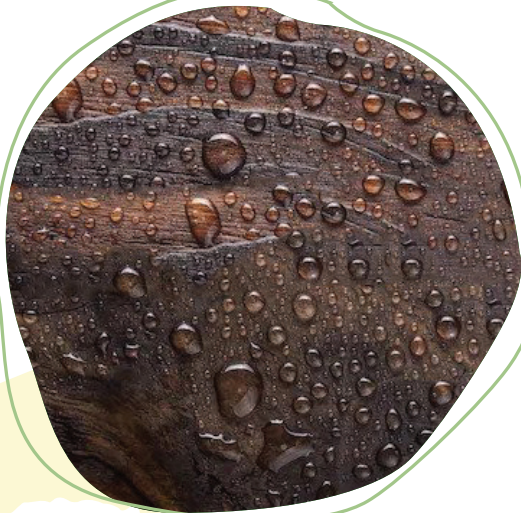
Sweeping and cleaning with normal household cleaners is usually adequate to keep your Nortica product looking great. "Sugar soap", mixed with water works particularly well.

For stubborn (usually oil-based) stains use a water-diluted degreaser works well – scrub in and wash off after a few minutes. Periodic cleaning of expansion joints is also recommended.

Tests have shown that it is possible to remove graffiti paint by using paint stripper. Use strong chemicals with caution.

General Care for all Outdoor Furniture

All outdoor materials have a limited life span dependent on their environment, you will be required to personally assess your furniture/products.



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How to care for your Play'n'Learn Playbox

About your new product

All of Play'n'Learn's Outdoor Play Boxes are manufactured from locally-made thermoplastic composite, and aluminium. You will never have to sand, stain or oil your outdoor play boxes ever again!

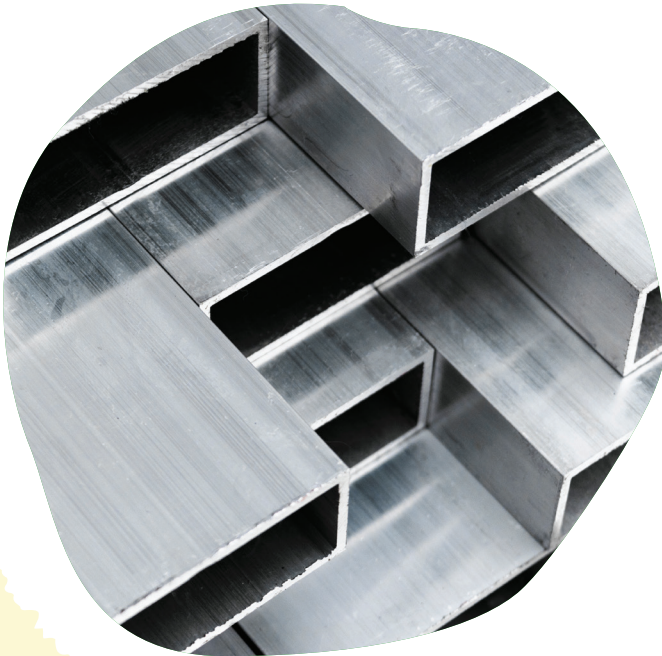
With an outdoor playbox from Play'n'Learn, simply wash down and occasionally sweep to maintain a beautiful product. We have chosen our unique thermoplastic composite panels for use in our play boxes due to these advantages:

- All Play Box surfaces manufactured to the highest achievable level of slip resistance, thanks to a rubber-like textured surface on our thermoplastic composite panels.
- The highly dense nature of our composite panels ensures our Playboxes are highly impact and abrasion resistant. This ensures they not only last decades in an early childhood setting, but will also retain aesthetic appeal and resist scratches.
- All materials are waterproof and UV-resistant and are suitable for outdoor use in all weathers.



We have chosen our aluminium framing for use in our play boxes due to these advantages:

- Aluminium is very strong, yet very light. The aluminium tube framing we manufacture our playboxes from ensures the finished box is easily moveable by no more than two adults, no matter that size.
- Aluminium is corrosion resistant. It develops a thin oxide layer on its surface when it comes in contact with oxygen. This oxide layer protects the aluminium against corrosion and if it is damaged, it will immediately regenerate.



HANDY TIP: "Sugar soap", mixed with water works particularly well for cleaning your play box.

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Play Box Range - Care Instructions

Play'n'Learn Play Boxes are virtually maintenance free, however, regular cleaning is important in keeping the product looking beautiful. High pressure cleaners such as water blasters or steam cleaners can be used on play box products. Sweeping and cleaning with normal household cleaners is usually adequate to keep your play box looking great.

"Sugar soap", mixed with water works particularly well.

Tests have shown that it is possible to remove graffiti paint by using paint stripper. Use strong chemicals with caution as these will fade and decolourise the thermoplastic panels.

Important Note

The stainless steel screws used to fix the composite outer panels to the aluminium framing may develop a thin surface layer of oxide. This looks a little like rust; however, it can be wiped away. This is not a problem and will not impact the structural integrity of the boxes or the screws.



Play Boxes - Product Lifecycle Options

Our playboxes are fully recyclable and end of life options include:

- Recycling the thermoplastic panels & panel connectors – most plastic recycling centres in New Zealand will accept these panels. Or these can be returned to Play'n'Learn for reuse or commercial recycling.
- Recycling the aluminium framing – aluminium is one of the easiest materials to recycle and reuse in New Zealand. Most scrap metal dealers and recycling centres will accept our aluminium box framing.



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How to care for your Play'n'Learn Outdoor Timber Play Product

About your new product

All of Play'n'Learn's outdoor timber-based products are manufactured from FSC® certified and/or sustainably produced timbers. Primarily these timbers are;

- New Zealand Radiata Pine
- Marine-grade Plywood

All our timber raw materials are chosen for their durability in outdoor conditions, and using ISO14001 sustainable production methods. All outdoor timbers are treated against insect and fungal decay resistance in local sawmills to further lengthen the effective lifespan of Play'n'Learn timber products.

Once manufacturing has been completed, all Play'n'Learn outdoor timber products are further treated in-house with CD50 Protection Oils that deeply penetrate into dry timber and protect the timber from the inside out.



Benefits of this treatment to outdoor play products:

- They are not coatings – they penetrate deep into timber and cannot peel or flake, so are longer lasting.
- They help maintain the dimensional stability of the timber, helping to keep timber straight, and reduce warping, splitting and cupping, meaning the play product retains its aesthetics and strength for much longer.
- They are effective against a wide range of mould, fungus and the bacteria that cause rot.
- They are water repellent, and protect against moisture absorbed into timber from humidity and dampness in the air (such as dew & rain).
- They are non-toxic and safer to use in manufacturing than most varnishes and stains, protecting our people.
- Maintenance is easy! With a simple wash of the product, then a reapplication – no sanding required.



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Wharenuī's, Outdoor Playhouses & Storage Sheds - Care Instructions

Care & Longevity

No preconditioning of the product is required, however **we highly recommend a recoat of stain after 6-12 months with a CD50 Protection Oil**. This will ensure that the product is kept in optimum condition.

How to apply CD50 Protection Oil to your Play'n'Learn Wharenuī, Outdoor Playhouses, or Storage Shed

1. Prepare your timber

- Ensure timber is clean and dry
- Clean all timber surfaces with [DEEPClean](#)

2. Apply first coat of CD50 Protection Oil

- Apply CD50 clear or coloured oil with a speedbrush, spray gun, roller, or paint brush
- Apply final coat of CD50 Protection Oil

3. Apply your final coat between 24 hours and 6 weeks after the first coat

- Wood must feel dry and non-greasy before application of second coat

Where to purchase CD50 Products

CD50 Protection Oil, and CD50 DEEPClean Concentrated Water Soluble timber cleaner, can be purchased from any major hardware store including, but not limited to:

- [Bunnings](#)
- [Placemakers](#)
- Mitre10
- Carters

We recommend you re-apply a CD50 Protection Oil once every 6-12 months. If this maintenance regiment is adhered to, you can expect your outdoor product to look aesthetically pleasing for years to come.

General Care for all Outdoor Furniture

You will be required to personally assess your furniture/products and apply further stain when needed, this is more important with outdoor products, and a good indicator of the need for a re-coat is when water/rain stops beading on the surface.

- Do not store under plastic as wood is a natural product and needs to breathe.

HANDY TIP:
Clean and coat your products on a Friday so they have time to dry over the weekend.

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