



JANUS et Cie®

## CARE & MAINTENANCE FOR STRADA

### CERAMIC

Ceramics have been used for centuries for a variety of purposes. More recently, the technology has evolved so rapidly that large surfaces can be made with ceramics. Table tops in ceramics are thus a brand-new application of a material that has stood the test of time. With their unique characteristics, ceramics are ideally suited for outdoor table tops. They do not require any additional sealant and are UV-resistant, frost proof, scratch and stain resistant. At JANUS et Cie, we have two main types of ceramic which are used on our furniture: solid and laminated ceramics. Both ceramic top styles are easy to clean and maintain.

#### ROUTINE CARE & MAINTENANCE

- Wash with mild, pH-neutral soap such as Dawn® and clean water using a non-abrasive cloth or sponge
- Don't use abrasives cleaners or scrubbers

#### EXTENSIVE CARE & MAINTENANCE

- Stains can be removed with a glass & ceramic cleaner using a non-abrasive cloth, sponge or paper towels

### GLASS

Our tempered glass is a type of safety glass processed by controlled thermal or chemical treatments to increase its strength, and it is four times stronger than regular glass. We offer clear and ultra-clear sanded and painted glass that comes in different thicknesses, from 3/16 inch thick to one inch thick with a variety of edgework like flat polished and beveled edge.

#### CLEAR GLASS

##### ROUTINE CARE & MAINTENANCE

- Use a soft cloth and any normal household glass cleaning product such as Windex® to clean your clear glass
- You can also use mild, pH-neutral soap such as Dawn® and clean water
- Be careful of overspray and wipe off any fluid that gets on the frame

##### EXTENSIVE CARE & MAINTENANCE

- If stains persist, most can be removed by blotting the stained areas with a dampened soft cloth soaked with vinegar or lemon juice
- For light scratches, use a buffing compound such as car wax
- Using the buffer with 6,000 grit sandpaper, lightly buff the glass until scratches disappear

#### SANDED OR PAINTED GLASS

The sanded or painted side of the glass should always face down; it should never be used as the top (i.e. the work surface). This is because it can scratch, and also because stains and dirt on the sanded side are more difficult to clean than on the top side. Avoid the use

of any sharp tools on the sanded top side of the glass.

#### ROUTINE CARE & MAINTENANCE

- Use a soft cloth and clean water to remove light dust or dirt
- For more persistent dirt and grime, use water mixed with mild, pH-neutral soap such as Dawn® and clean water
- Avoid abrasive or harsh chemicals on the sanded side; they can abrade and even remove the finish

#### EXTENSIVE CARE & MAINTENANCE

- If stains persist, most can be removed by blotting the stained areas with a dampened soft cloth soaked with isopropyl alcohol to remove residue or marks

## GLIDES

Our glides are constructed of high-quality materials including nylon, rubber, thermoplastic polyurethane, felt, or stainless steel. Glides can be fixed, adjustable or even self-leveling. Over time, the glides wear down and should be inspected frequently. If not, worn glides can damage the furniture and flooring. Wear rates vary on flooring type and texture. When possible, lift furniture (rather than dragging) to move it.

#### ROUTINE CARE & MAINTENANCE

- Inspect frequently
- Replace worn glides as needed
- Replacement glides are available through your sales specialist

## JANUSFIBER® & SYNTHETIC FIBER

Our handwoven JANUSfiber® and synthetic fiber furniture requires minimal maintenance. Our fiber lineup includes JANUSfiber (made from high density polyethylene) and Vertex Fiber (made from polyester and hemp). Both fibers are colorfast, UV- and stain-resistant, and 100% recyclable. These fibers are a very good choice for humid and salty environments, and installations in a varying range of temperatures. While these durable materials will not mildew, any contaminants on their surfaces could foster mildew growth, so regular cleaning of the pieces is recommended.

#### ROUTINE CARE & MAINTENANCE

- Vacuum to remove loose dirt
- Prepare a cleaning solution of 2 ounces (1/4 cup) of mild, pH-neutral soap such as Dawn® and 8 cups of lukewarm clean water (less than 100°F/38°C)
- Use a sponge or soft cloth to clean
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water
- Allow to air dry

## MECHANICAL JOINTS & MOVING PARTS

JANUS et Cie uses only the finest materials for its moving parts, hinges, hydraulic components, joints, folding mechanisms, poles, and drawer glides. Aluminum, marine brass, steel and stainless steel are wrought, cast, or extruded to create the ideal hardware components utilized on our furniture. Over time, these may loosen and require regular inspection and maintenance.

#### ROUTINE CARE & MAINTENANCE

- Use a sponge or soft bristle brush to brush away soil.

- Wash with mild, pH-neutral soap such as Dawn® and clean water using a non-abrasive cloth or sponge.
- Rinse thoroughly with clean water and pat dry with a non-abrasive cotton or microfiber cloth.
- After cleaning, inspect moving parts that may require lubrication.

## PERIODIC CARE & MAINTENANCE

- Inspect moving parts and apply high-quality machine oil if needed.
- Inspect hardware and mechanical joints; tighten parts when necessary.

## NATURAL STONE

JANUS et Cie uses a diverse mix of natural stone on our collections. Each stone brings its own beauty to the item. Our stone can vary in finish ranging from honed, polish or flamed. There are different levels of porousness in each stone, which can affect the amount of absorption and stain resistance. Some of our more porous materials are reinforced with an epoxy fill.

All of our stones are natural materials that we source from around the world. There can be variations in texture, color, veining, and patterns from one top to another. These differences and disparities are part of what makes the stone beautiful.

Our stone is treated with INTENSIFIATM by Dry-Treat. It is a combination of enhancer and sealer. This gives our stone a deep, long-lasting color enrichment and premium water- and oil-based stain protection. Our sealer does not protect the stone surface from being etched by acidic liquids or materials.

For installations in locations with continuous periods of freezing temperatures, cracks may occur in the natural stone with the expansion and contraction of the top as a result of these weather conditions. Storing your stone top indoors if possible or using a frame cover can help protect it during the off season or when not being used for extended timeframes.

Be wary of extreme changes in temperature as it could possibly damage your stone top. Using trivets and potholders is highly recommended to protect the stone when serving hot dishes. Coasters are also recommended to prevent possible water rings.

## ROUTINE CARE & MAINTENANCE

- Use a microfiber cloth to dust off the surfaces.
- Wash with mild, pH-neutral soap such as Dawn® and clean water using a non-abrasive cloth or sponge.
- Use of harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners is not recommended. They can scratch, pit, and etch the surface of the stone.
- Spills have the potential to stain. Porous stones are more susceptible to soaking up spills, which can discolor their surfaces. Clean spills immediately by wiping with a soft damp cloth.

## EXTENSIVE CARE & MAINTENANCE

- We also recommend regularly cleaning with a stone cleaner formulated with a neutral pH, such as Oxy-Klenza Stone Cleaner (JeC Item #799-40-101-01-00). Please follow manufacturer's instructions.
- For stubborn stains on stone, a poultice of ammonia will remove most organic stains from marble. Dampen a paper towel or cloth with ammonia mixed with water, and cover the stain for 24-48 hours to remove. Household baking soda can absorb organic stains as well. Sprinkle the stained area with the baking soda and let it sit for 24-48 hours. Wipe clean and reseal (please refer to instructions below).
- Stone tops will need to be resealed based on use and environment. Before applying a new coat of INTENSIFIATM sealer (JeC Item #799-40-100-01-00), please make sure your stone top is clean. Follow the manufacturer's instructions. Depending on usage and location, this may need to be done multiple times a year. Please see your sales specialist for details.

## POWDER COATED METALS

JANUScoat™ is JANUS et Cie's proprietary powder coat finish. In this process, we apply a primer powder coating on the metal and follow it with a top coat of powder that contains our custom JANUS colors.

Powder coated finishes can be applied to a variety of metals in a process that creates a durable, protective finish without using harmful solvents. Polymer granules, which may contain polyester, polyester-epoxy, or fusion-bonded epoxy and acrylics, are electrostatically applied and baked to form a hard, protective coating creating a continuous, seamless finish.

Like any fine-painted surface, such as an automobile, routine washing and rinsing will help keep your painted furniture looking new. We recommend you provide extra protection with a regular application of a reputable automobile wax, which will actively repel the accumulation of moisture and water spots and minimize possible staining. Water spotting on the finish is usually a result of mineral and salt deposits in the water or can also be a result of pollutants in rainwater. Wax will promote "beading" of the water (i.e. run off the surface) without allowing surface dirt to dry on the finish. An added benefit of waxing your furniture is it is easier to clean when it becomes dirty. Water spotting may be more pronounced on darker frame colors, and in particular, coastal areas.

JANUScoat and powder coated finishes, while incredibly durable, may be chipped or damaged with improper handling. JANUS et Cie offers touch up paint which will blend with the original finish. For more information or to order touch up paint, please contact your sales specialist. Touch up paint may not perform with the same characteristics as the original powder finish. If not touched up, the effect on the exposed unprotected surface will vary depending on the underlying metal. It is critical to touch up as soon as possible.

#### WHY JANUScoat?

- ALUMINUM: Exposed metal can oxidize over time.
- STAINLESS STEEL: Exposed stainless steel can start to accumulate fly rust.
- CAST OR PLATE STEEL: Exposed steel will start to rust in most environments.

#### ROUTINE CARE & MAINTENANCE

- Rinse with a hose to remove salt and/or larger dirt and debris accumulation.
- Wash with mild, pH-neutral soap such as Dawn® and clean water using a non-abrasive cloth or sponge.
- We also recommend any premium automotive cleaning products, such as Meguiar's® Gold Class™ Car Wash and Shampoo ([www.meguiars.com](http://www.meguiars.com)). This premium car wash contains ingredients that will protect and enhance the finish.
- Rinse and dry with a clean soft cloth to prevent water spots.

#### PERIODIC CARE & MAINTENANCE

- Apply an automotive wax to the finish per manufacturer's instructions. This can vary in the number of times per year depending on the usage and environment of the location. Please see your sales specialist for details.
- Do not use abrasive or aggressive solvent products on aluminum, such as acetone or scouring powder.