



OUTDOOR ROPE CARE & MAINTENANCE



Material Properties

Gloster only use Sunbrella outdoor ropes for our furniture. The rope used on Archi and Fern is a single braided rope, which means that there is a jacket of braided acrylic yarns over a core of polyester filaments that provide the strength. The rope used on Grand Weave is produced using the same braiding technique, but this time around a large PVC core. The braiding itself combines acrylic and PVC yarns together. The outdoor rope used on Maze is a PVC coated polyester. It's a solid braided rope so there is no separate core.

One of the best ways to keep outdoor rope looking good and to delay deep or vigorous cleaning is to properly maintain by brushing off any dirt before it becomes embedded, wiping up spills as soon as they occur and spot cleaning soon after stains occur. Particular care should be taken when cleaning the rope on Archi & Fern, as it forms an integral part of the back panel. Just light brushing & cleaning only.

Light Cleaning

1. Lightly brush off any loose dirt.
2. Prepare a cleaning solution of 1:16 mild detergent to lukewarm water (less than 100°F/40°C).
3. Apply a generous amount of the cleaning solution to the rope.
4. Allow the cleaning solution to soak in and then gently clean with a sponge or soft bristle brush.
5. Rinse thoroughly to remove all soap residue and allow to air dry.

Stubborn Stains & Mildew

Although the materials used in outdoor rope do not promote mildew growth, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign substances that are not removed from the rope.

1. Prepare a solution of 4 teaspoons of household bleach & 1 teaspoon of mild detergent per 235-355ml (1-1/2 cups) of lukewarm water.
2. Spray the cleaning solution onto the stained area and allow to soak in for 15 minutes.
3. Remove the stain with a sponge, clean towel or soft bristle brush.
4. Triple rinse thoroughly to remove all soap and bleach residue and allow to air dry.

Any residual bleach left in the rope can cause premature deterioration. Prolonged exposure to diluted bleach and full-strength household bleach are not recommended for cleaning rope. Remove all cushions and protect the area around your furniture when using bleach as this can discolour fabrics. Bleach can have harmful effects on the natural environment around you, so please follow all safety and environmental precautions according to the bleach label.