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# Heavy Duty Treated Pine Care

*H3 arsenic-free treated pine for above-ground outdoor use. Stronger outdoor option than untreated pine.*



## ABOUT THIS RANGE

## About Heavy Duty Treated Pine

Heavy Duty Treated Pine is Auscraft Furniture's stronger outdoor-use pine range. **Our Heavy Duty Treated Pine range uses H3 arsenic-free treated pine for above-ground outdoor use.** The treatment improves resistance to fungal decay, termite attack and weathering compared with untreated pine.

The exact timber specification is recorded on your quote or order confirmation.

The range includes picnic tables, outdoor dining sets, outdoor tables, benches, bar tables and custom-made pieces.

Heavy Duty Treated Pine is more suitable for **exposed outdoor and commercial use** than our Classic / Untreated Pine range, with regular care. It is still a natural timber product and still requires inspection and maintenance, it is not maintenance-free.

### BEST SUITED TO

- Outdoor cafés, breweries, parks, schools, councils and community venues
- Family backyards that do not have a covered area
- Buyers who want a stronger outdoor pine option without moving to hardwood
- Outdoor picnic tables, dining sets, outdoor tables, benches and bar tables used outside year-round
- Commercial settings with a regular inspection and maintenance routine

### A BETTER FIT MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR

- Indoor formal dining (the treated timber and outdoor finishes are designed for outdoor use)
- Owners who do not have time for any regular inspection or maintenance
- Long-term, heavy commercial use in fully exposed coastal / waterfront environments where Premium Hardwood or Metal Frame furniture is the better long-term answer

*For those settings, the Product Selection Guide can help compare ranges.*



## WHAT TREATMENT MEANS

## What “treated” means in practice

- Pressure treatment helps the timber resist decay, fungal attack and termite damage compared with untreated pine.
- It *does not* make the timber maintenance-free.
- It *does not* prevent natural movement, surface checking, splits, sap or resin weep, tannin bleed, fading or weathering.
- The finish on the timber (painted, oiled, stained, raw or custom) still does most of the day-to-day weather protection.

If the treatment class or specification matters to you (for example for council, school or commercial procurement), please refer to your quote or order confirmation for the exact specification, or contact us.

## THE CADENCE

## Finish maintenance, every 6 to 12 months

Auscraft Furniture’s general recommendation is to **inspect and maintain the finish on your Heavy Duty Treated Pine furniture every 6 to 12 months**, depending on exposure and use. “Maintenance” can mean cleaning, light touch-up or a full re-coat, depending on what the finish needs at the time.





*Re-coating the finish on a treated pine surface. The H3 treatment protects the timber, but the finish does most of the day-to-day weather protection.*

Products in harsh, fully exposed, coastal, humid or high-use environments may need more frequent care. *Products kept undercover or in protected areas may need less frequent maintenance.*

Semi-protected outdoor	Inspect every 6 to 12 months; re-coat when the finish dulls or wears
Open outdoor area	Inspect every 6 months; re-coat when the finish shows wear
Full-sun, exposed	Inspect every 3 to 6 months; be ready to re-coat earlier than the standard cadence
Coastal / waterfront / under trees / damp ground	Inspect every 3 months; clean and re-coat earlier than the standard cadence
Heavy commercial / high-use	Inspect every 3 months; plan re-coats to a schedule, not just on appearance

Trust what you see. If the finish looks chalky, dull, peeling, lifting, or you can see bare timber underneath, it is time to maintain it, even if the calendar says otherwise.



## FINISH TYPES

# Finish types and what to do for each

## PAINTED FINISH



*Routine cleaning with mild soapy water and a soft cloth is the first step in every maintenance cycle, regardless of finish type.*

- A common finish on Heavy Duty Treated Pine pieces, especially in commercial settings.
- Clean with mild soapy water; rinse and let dry.
- Inspect for chalking, dulling, peeling, lifting or chips.
- Light-coloured paints may show marks or surface dulling sooner; dark colours absorb more heat and may show movement, cracking or finish stress sooner in full sun.

**To re-coat:**

- 1 Wait for a dry, mild day; avoid direct hot sun and damp weather.
- 2 Wipe the piece down with mild soapy water; let it dry fully.
- 3 Sand peeling or lifted paint gently, feathering the edges into the sound paint around it.



- 4 Wipe dust away.

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- 5 Apply a quality outdoor-grade paint suited to timber furniture; two coats is usually best.

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- 6 Pay attention to top surfaces, edges, board ends and the underside. Full coverage is what keeps moisture out.

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*Applying a quality outdoor-grade paint suited to timber furniture. On Heavy Duty Treated Pine, full coverage of edges, end-grain and the underside is what keeps moisture out.*

#### OILED FINISH

- Common on Heavy Duty Treated Pine commercial pieces.
- Re-oil when the surface looks dry, dull or has lost its slight sheen.
- Use a quality outdoor timber oil; apply on a dry mild day and allow to absorb fully.

#### STAINED FINISH

- Refresh the stain when the colour looks tired, worn or bare timber is starting to appear.
- Surface preparation (light sand, wipe, dry) before re-staining helps the new finish bond.



## CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITY



*Light sanding worn paint or finish before re-coating Heavy Duty Treated Pine. Feather the edges into the surrounding finish so the new coat blends cleanly.*

## Raw / unfinished

Raw products are supplied without an Auscraft-applied protective finish. *Heavy Duty Treated Pine has more decay resistance than untreated pine, but it is still timber. Raw / unsealed treated pine will weather, silver, surface-check and absorb moisture over time. Mould risk is reduced compared with untreated pine, but not eliminated, especially in humid or shaded settings.*

If you choose a raw / unfinished Heavy Duty Treated Pine product, you are responsible for applying a suitable sealant, oil, paint, stain or other protective finish as soon as practical after delivery and before prolonged outdoor exposure. Raw treated pine is **not maintenance-free**.

Raw is a finish choice with a higher level of customer responsibility, it is not a manufacturing defect. Issues caused or worsened by leaving raw timber unsealed or poorly maintained may affect or may limit the warranty cover available. **Your rights under the Australian Consumer Law are not affected.**



#### CUSTOM FINISH

- Where Auscraft Furniture has applied a custom finish, care is based on the finish type used. If unsure, please refer to your quote or order confirmation, or contact us.



## NORMAL CHARACTERISTICS

## Natural timber behaviours, what is normal

Treated pine is still a natural material. In normal use you may see, and these are not, on their own, usually a manufacturing fault or structural defect within reasonable and expected limits:

- Resin and sap weep, particularly in the first few months
- Tannin bleed, brownish marks from natural compounds in the timber
- Colour variation between boards
- Fading, silvering or greying of the surface
- Surface weathering, surface checking, hairline cracks, end-grain splits, minor surface splits
- Minor movement, bowing, cupping or twisting
- Shrinkage and expansion with humidity and temperature
- Movement between boards, raised grain after rain, roughening of the surface
- Coating wear, finish fading, paint cracking or peeling caused by exposure, heat or timber movement

Where an issue affects structural integrity, safety or normal use, Auscraft Furniture will assess it separately. This does not limit your rights under the Australian Consumer Law.

Note on timber movement. *Minor timber movement, bowing, cupping or twisting can occur as part of natural timber behaviour.*



*However, where movement is excessive and affects safety, structural integrity or normal use, Auscraft Furniture will assess it separately. This does not limit your rights under the Australian Consumer Law.*



## STRUCTURAL AND ENVIRONMENT

## What is structural, and what to do about it

A structural issue is different and will be assessed separately. Examples include:

- A broken leg, board or seat under normal load
- A frame that has come apart in normal use
- Joinery failure in normal use
- Extensive rot affecting load-bearing parts
- Visible movement at structural connections
- Excessive timber movement affecting safety, structural integrity or normal use

If you see anything that looks structural, please get in touch. Your rights under the Australian Consumer Law are not affected.

## Environment factors, when to do more

Plan for more frequent inspection and care if the piece is in any of these settings:

- Full sun, year-round
- Coastal, waterfront, salt-air or high-corrosion environments
- High humidity or heavy rainfall
- Under trees
- On damp ground or surfaces that hold pooled water
- Heavy commercial / high-use settings (cafés, breweries, parks, schools, councils, hospitality, outdoor venues)
- Dark paint colours in full sun



## COMMERCIAL USE

## Commercial use guidance

Heavy Duty Treated Pine is widely used in commercial venues. A few practical points for commercial buyers and operators:

- Build inspection and maintenance into the venue's regular operations schedule. Most successful operators inspect quarterly.
- Document cleaning, inspection and re-coating events in a maintenance log. This is useful evidence for warranty or insurance discussions.
- Watch for impact damage at table edges, around legs and around fixings, high-traffic settings produce knocks and scrapes that an outdoor pine finish does not handle on its own.
- Touch up chips and scratches early to keep moisture from reaching the timber.
- For very high-use or fully exposed coastal venues, Premium Hardwood or Metal Frame furniture may be a stronger long-term choice. Talk to us if you are unsure.

## Warranty in brief

- Structural warranty: \*1 year\* on the structural integrity of the product.
- Finish performance depends on exposure, colour, environment, use and ongoing care. Finishes are surface protection layers and require inspection and maintenance over time. Finish wear, fading, cracking, peeling or coating breakdown caused by exposure, weathering, timber movement or lack of maintenance is not normally treated as a separate structural warranty issue.
- Where you have chosen a raw / unfinished product, please refer to the Raw / unfinished section above for the customer-responsibility position.
- Where lack of care has caused or worsened an issue, this may affect or may limit the warranty cover available, your rights under the Australian Consumer Law are not affected.

For the full warranty position, please refer to the Auscraft Warranty Statement.



#### COVER, DRAINAGE AND PLACEMENT

- A breathable furniture cover helps in exposed, coastal, salt-air or full-sun areas when the piece is not in use for long periods.
- Allow water to drain off, avoid leaving puddles on the surface.
- Place the piece on a level, well-drained surface. Avoid wet grass, soil, or surfaces that hold pooled water.
- Where possible, lift the piece slightly off damp ground with levellers or feet.

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