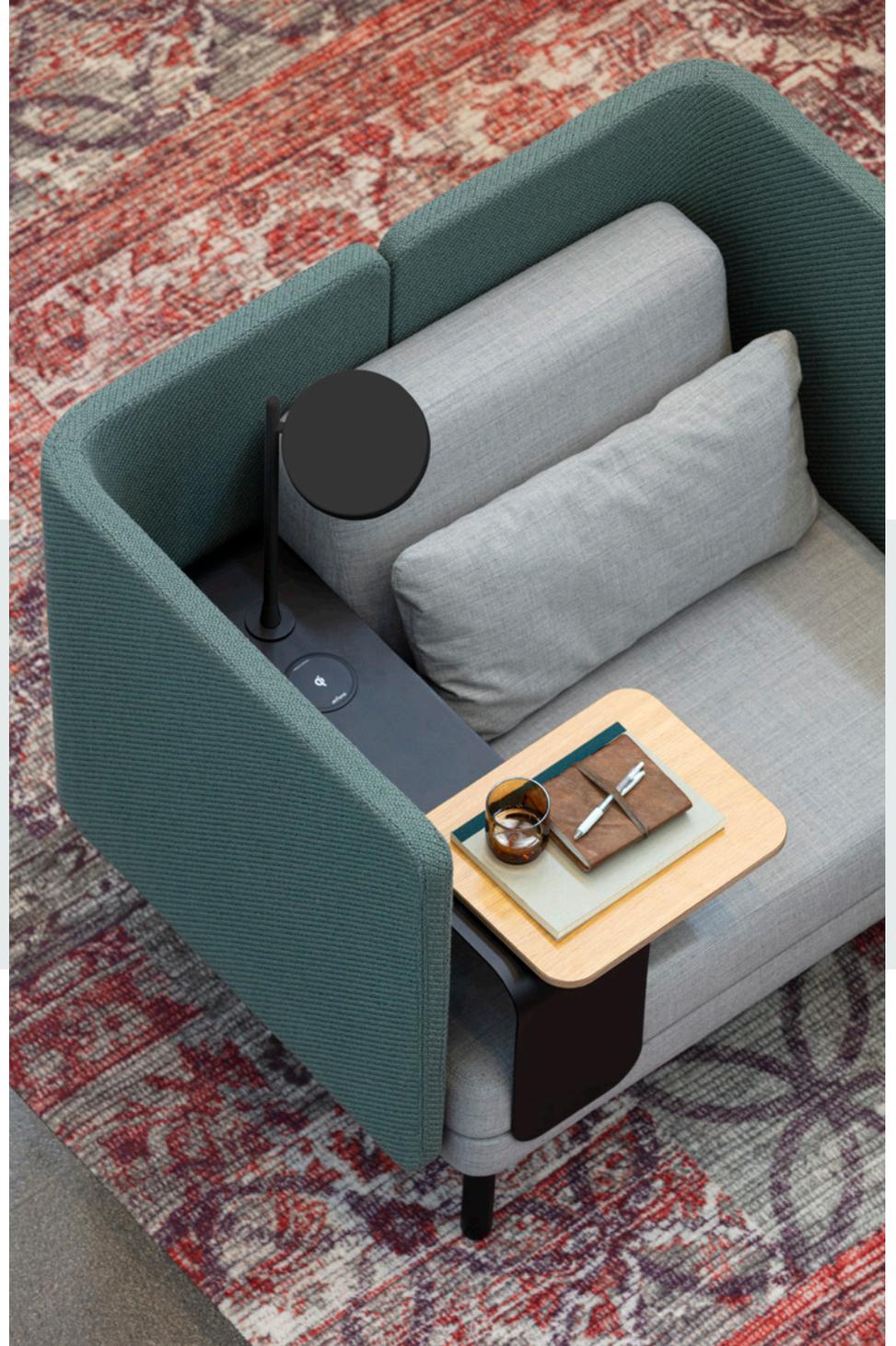


# Cleaning instructions

For the entire Ahrend collection

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## Cleaning instructions

Do you want to enjoy your high-quality furniture for many years to come? Paying a little extra attention to care helps to make our products last longer. Sustainable use starts with structured care and thorough cleaning. Always keep an eye out for stains and remove them as soon as possible. This can prevent potential damage.

The care instructions in this booklet show you how to take the best care of your Ahrend furniture. You will also find more information on the materials we use in our collection. A tip: test the cleaning protocol on a spot where it cannot be seen.



## Metal

A lot of structural parts are made of metal. In our furniture, we use chrome, polished aluminium and powder-coated metal. The tough protective coating means the metal is highly resistant to harmful influences.

### Care instructions

Always clean metal parts with a soft cloth and avoid any form of abrasion. Remove any stains with a clean, soft cloth and glass cleaner. Always use a mild detergent. Do not use granular substances, acetic or citric acids: these can cause serious damage such as scratches.



## Melamine & HPL

Melamine and HPL are the most common tabletop finishes at Ahrend. These are strong materials, which makes them highly suited to intensive use. Melamine and HPL have good resistance to moisture, sharp materials, scratches and high temperatures. The best way to preserve colour is to protect materials from UV light. Never place furniture in direct sunlight, against radiators or heating elements.

### Care instructions

Because of the materials' robust qualities, no special care is necessary. Clean them with a soft cloth, warm water and a mild detergent. Avoid any form of abrasion and dry with a cloth. Always work in the direction of the structure, or in circles if the tabletop has no structure. Do not use granular substances, scouring sponges, steel wool or strong (chemical) detergents; these can cause serious damage such as stains and scratches.

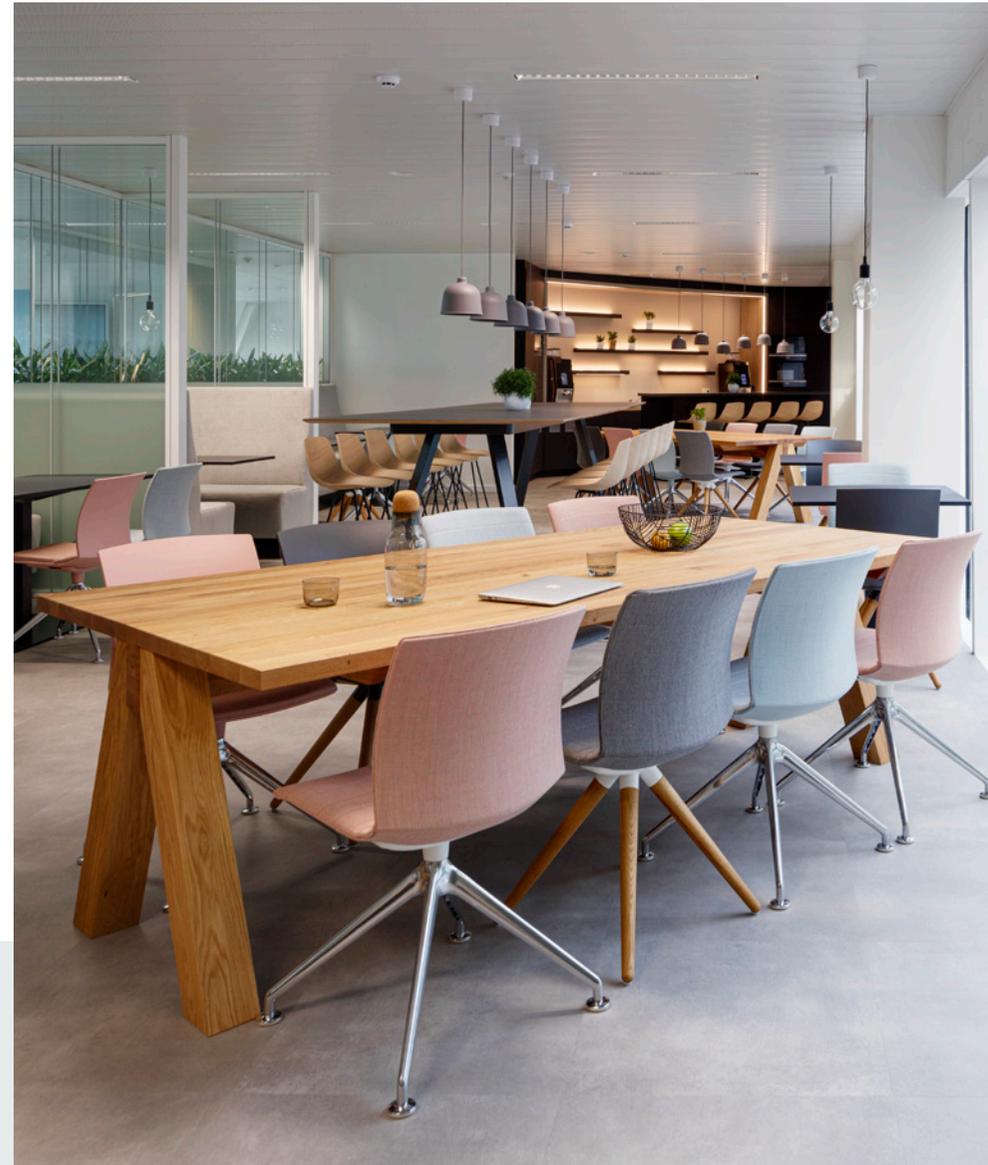


## Wood & veneer

Ahrend's furniture designers love to work with wood and veneer. These are beautiful natural products, stable and sustainable. Wooden furniture is delicate and requires good, thorough care. Always protect wood and veneer from heat, moisture and sharp objects. Wood is a natural product and can therefore become discoloured. The best way to preserve colour is to protect materials from UV light. Never place wooden furniture in direct sunlight, against radiators or heating elements.

### Care instructions

To remove stains, we recommend first using a dry, soft cloth. Stubborn stains can be removed with a soft cloth, warm water and a mild detergent. Dry the wet surface immediately with a dry cloth. Do not use granular substances, scouring sponges, steel wool or strong (chemical) detergents; these can cause serious damage such as staining and discolouration.



*Sustainable use starts with proper care.  
It helps our products to last longer.*



## Linoleum

We use linoleum as a high-quality top layer. It gives our products a beautiful finishing touch. It is a natural product; therefore proper care is very important. Always protect your linoleum tabletop from heat, moisture and sharp objects. The best way to preserve colour is to protect linoleum from UV light. Never place linoleum furniture in direct sunlight, against radiators or heating elements.

### Care instructions

No special care is required in the case of linoleum. Clean linoleum with a soft cloth: this prevents serious damage such as stains, scratches and discolouration. Do not use granular substances, scouring sponges, steel wool or strong (chemical) detergents. Treat stains with a dry cloth.

Remove stubborn stains with a soft cloth, warm water and a pH-neutral detergent. Dry the wet surface immediately with a cloth.



## Acrylic/perspex

We use acrylic or perspex to create physical shields in a work environment. This helps to protect your employees without restricting their vision. Therefore it is very important to preserve its transparency and clarity. This can be done through simple care.

### Stain removal

Use a clean cloth with warm water to remove stains. Dry the acrylic/perspex panel with a soft cloth. Add a small amount of washing up liquid to the water if the stain is stubborn. Always clean acrylic surfaces with a non-abrasive soft cloth. This prevents scratches. Do not use products like thinner, acetone, glass cleaner or alcohol. These chemicals will make the acrylic dull.

*Clean perspex provides a physical shield and contributes to a hygienic work environment.*



## Glass

We use glass in our furniture as a physical shield that does not restrict vision. It is very important to keep the glass transparent and clear, so it should be cleaned regularly.

### Care instructions

Always clean glass surfaces with a non-abrasive soft cloth. This prevents scratches.

Glass is chemically resistant, so it can be cleaned using alcohol, but take care not to spill it, as alcohol can cause stains in the surrounding area. Use a clean cloth with warm water to remove stains. Then dry the glass with a soft cloth. Add a detergent to the water if the stain is persistent. Use vinegar to prevent streaks on the glass.



## Plastics

We use high-quality plastics in a range of furniture parts. This material is very strong, low-maintenance and easily recycled after use.

### Care instructions

Simply clean plastics with a soft cloth and warm water. If this is not sufficient, you can clean plastics with a mild detergent. Do not use aggressive products like bleach, chlorine or alcohol, as these will cause staining and discolouration.

# Textiles

A lot of different types of textiles are used in the manufacture of Ahrend furniture. The fabrics are made of various materials which are suitable for a range of purposes. Always protect textiles from heat, moisture and sharp objects. The best way to preserve the colour is to protect textiles from direct sunlight. Are you unsure of which material has been used? Get in touch with your account manager and ask for the correct cleaning document for the upholstery.



## Polyester

Looking after polyester-based fabrics is simple. Remove dust from polyester regularly using a vacuum cleaner.

### Stain removal

Clean polyester using a soft cloth and warm water. Wring the cloth out properly so the fabric does not get soaked and make sure you always wipe in an inward direction. Is the stain a stubborn one? Then it is possible to steam the fabric. Do not use chemicals unless your account manager states that chemical cleaning is possible. Tip: test the detergent on an invisible spot first.



## Wool

Wool has a natural protective layer against dirt and stains. This makes woollen fabrics easy to maintain. Remove dust regularly using a vacuum cleaner.

### **Stain removal**

Clean wool using a soft cloth and warm water. Wring the cloth out properly so the fabric does not get soaked and make sure you always wipe in an inward direction. If this is ineffective, it is possible to steam the fabric. Do not use chemical detergents as they can cause stains. Tip: test the detergent on an invisible spot first.

## Imitation leather

Imitation leather is the strongest type of upholstery in the Ahrend collection. We use imitation leather mostly in environments where furniture can get dirty quickly.

### **Stain removal**

Clean imitation leather with a soft cloth, mild detergent and warm water. Do not use a scouring sponge as this can cause damage. Add professional imitation leather cleaner to the water if the stain is persistent.





## Leather

The types of leather used in Ahrend furniture have a dirt-resistant protective layer. It is important that the leather is dusted every week with a lint-free cloth. For optimum protection, use a leather conditioner twice a year. Always protect furniture from heat, moisture and sharp objects. The best way to preserve the colour is to protect leather from direct sunlight.

### **Stain removal**

Have you accidentally spilled a liquid? Soak it up with a clean cloth. Try not to scrub, but gently rub or dab the stain. Always clean the entire leather surface with a professional leather cleaner, not just the stain. Wipe inwards and test the detergent on a concealed spot first. Do not use chemical detergents such as turpentine, stain remover, acetone, furniture polish, shoe polish, solvents etc.

# Questions or advice?

Our experts will gladly look at your workplace options with you. Get in touch with your account manager or call +31 (0)88 006 0000.

We are here to help!

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