



JANUS et Cie®

## CARE & MAINTENANCE FOR CHIQUITA

### 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.

# RATTAN

Among the strongest and most versatile of natural fibers, rattan has been intertwined with the craft of woven furniture for hundreds of years. We use only the highest grade of these strong and resilient plant materials, and employ skilled artisans immersed in traditional weaving techniques to shape, weave and finish each piece. Following tradition, we produce a truly handmade product for interior spaces that is light, durable and infinitely beautiful. Rattan is a renewable material providing the decisive attribute of a “green” product. Using rattan helps to maintain economic sustainability for families who have been farming and cultivating this crop for centuries.

## 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