



## AmishShowroom

### Care of Solid Hardwood Furniture

**Protection & Clean-Up:** Dust furniture with a soft cloth while following the grain pattern. Clean with mild, non-alkaline soap and water using a soft cloth or sponge. Towel dry. Lemon oil may be used to polish. **Do not use polish that contain silicones.** Avoid nail polish remover, alcohol or other solvents and placing sharp objects that could scratch the surface of the table.

**Sweating Glassware/Dishes:** Sweating glassware and dishes are not a problem for a couple hours. Leaving a sweating glass overnight or for any extended period may cause the wood grain to rise or become bumpy and leave a ring. This may **cause** damage that cannot be repaired. Use coasters or trivets with non-scratching bottoms underneath glassware and serving dishes.

**Heat Damage:** The clear finish on your furniture is a premium quality conversion varnish that protects furniture from food and liquids – NOT HEAT! Heat from bowls, plates, etc., radiate directly through the finish into the wood. This can cause moisture to be become trapped inside the finish and create a “cloudy white” or “milky white” sheen that cannot be removed. Use hot pads and trivets with non- scratch bottoms.

**Plastic, rubber or petroleum products:** Do not place products that contain petroleum, plastic or rubber for extended periods of time. These products can trap moisture causing a variety of issues.

**Environmental /Seasonal issues:** Carefully consider where to place your new furniture. Avoid setting it directly in front of radiators, heating vents or wood burning stoves as **dry air can cause solid wood to dry out and crack.** For solid wood furniture, **you must insure 35-45% humidity is maintained during winter months or there is a possibility of the wood cracking and/or moving.**

Large pieces of wood expand and contract with season changes! Your table leaves and top were hand built, but Mother Nature allows the boards to expand and contract as seasons change. You may notice more gapping at the edges of your leaves throughout different times of the year. This is a normal condition of a natural product and is not a defect. If you try to clamp and/or pin leaves together, Mother Nature will win and your table will crack. Store extra table leaves in or close to table to maintain consistent environmental conditions. For geared or wood table slides that may be sticky, use beeswax or Crisco for lubrication.

**Humidity.** Because most hardwoods are open grained, solid wood furniture can be affected by changes in humidity and temperature, even after protective finishes have been applied. Care in controlling the furniture's environment will help minimize the minor cracking and warping that is a natural part of the wood's character. For solid wood furniture, **you must insure 35-45% humidity is maintained during winter months or there is a possibility of the wood cracking and/or moving.**

The moisture content of wood is tied directly to the relative humidity of the surrounding air and your solid wood furniture will accommodate to its surrounding climate. In the summer months, it may take on more moisture (and expand) because of the humidity, and in the winter months, will dry out (contract) due to the lack of humidity.

If you do not humidify your home, the following table shows how low humidity levels may drop to in colder climates:

**Indoor vs. Outdoor Humidity Comparison Tables**

<b>Outside Temperature</b>	<b>Outside Relative Humidity</b>	<b>Indoor Humidity when air is heated to 72 degrees F</b>
<b>-10 degrees F</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1%</b>
	<b>60%</b>	<b>2%</b>
	<b>80%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>0 degrees F</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>2%</b>
	<b>60%</b>	<b>2%</b>
	<b>80%</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>10 degrees F</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>4%</b>
	<b>60%</b>	<b>5%</b>
	<b>80%</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>20 degrees F</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>6%</b>
	<b>60%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>80%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>30 degrees F</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>8%</b>
	<b>60%</b>	<b>13%</b>
	<b>80%</b>	<b>17%</b>



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### Warranty

**Warranty.** Every piece of furniture we sell comes with a 1 year guarantee against defects in materials and workmanship. Should you detect a defect, customer is responsible for returning the item(s) to us and we will repair it at no charge other than necessary freight costs which are the responsibility of the customer.

Example of a defect may be:

- \* Glue joint coming apart
- \* Mortise and tenon joint in wood separating
- \* Bubbling finish (not due to items on care sheet)
- \* Drawer Slide or Hardware Issues

**This warranty does not apply to issues caused by negligence, misuse (noted on our care sheet) or accidents caused by the customer. Further, the failure to maintain proper (35% to 45%) humidity levels in the home also voids the warranty.** For more information, please check our webpage, AmishShowroom.com, under link for Humidity vs. Warranty issues.

We consider each piece of furniture to be a piece of artwork. The builders hand select unique boards and glue them together in the pattern they see fit. AmishShowroom will not “change” or “send-back” pieces to be re-done because they client does not like the “pattern” of the wood. Client understands that Mother Nature is unique.