

MAYER DESIGNS INC. typically provides a patinated and spray-finished topcoat metal product unless an oil & wax finish topcoat has been requested. Below is an explanation of the finish topcoat options and our metal care instructions. [Contact us](#) if you should have any questions regarding metal care.

LIVE | OIL + WAX FINISH FURNITURE / FIXTURES: The metal is patinated and then an oil & wax topcoat is applied to seal the metal & patina. This is a “live” finish because the metal and patina are still open to the environment and will change and oxidize over time and use. The natural acid/PH in our skin etches metal, and any moisture in the air also effects the metal surface. Over time, the oil and wax will be burnished away due to use and exposure. Therefore, regular/monthly maintenance is required with this type of finish. The benefit of this finish is that it can take more wear and use because there is not as much worry of scratching a painted finish. But keep in mind—all surfaces will scratch if they come in contact with sharp or rough objects. The appeal of an Oil + Wax finish is the metal continues to patina and change over time and takes on a beautiful, desirable natural weathered look.

SPRAY-FINISH | FURNITURE / FIXTURES: The metal is patinated and then sealed with a catalyzed paint to protect the metal and patina. The paint layer will prevent oxidization and exposure to moisture and prevent the metal from changing color/appearance. If this paint layer becomes scratched or thinned over time from the use of harsh cleaners and/or wear from handling, the metal will become exposed, causing it to corrode and oxidize. Regular waxing is required, and future spray coating may be required. The benefit of a sprayed finish is that your metal will maintain its original color and luster for a very long time, but the downside is that the sprayed topcoat can show scratching more quickly. The sprayed topcoat will also require maintenance and re-coating every few years, similar to any home painting maintenance.

METAL FURNITURE CARE

- Regular maintenance cleaning and waxing of metal surfaces is required to maintain the luster and protective coating of any metal surface. Periodically wipe with Pledge or Howard Feed-N-Wax on a soft cotton rag, and always buff dry (products can be found at Home Depot or home improvement stores). We suggest monthly maintenance for Oil + Wax Finishes and annual/semi-annual for Sprayed Finishes.
- To clean tougher spills: clean metal surfaces with a soft cotton rag and mild soap solution. Be sure the rag is wrung out well and follow up with a dry cotton rag to prevent any moisture from sitting on the metal surface. Always follow with Pledge on a dry cotton rag and buff dry. Do not let moisture sit on a metal surface.
- Handle finished metal surfaces with care. Any metal surface, whether Sprayed, Oil & Wax, Flamesprayed, or Powder Coated, can and will scratch if it comes in contact with sharp or rough materials and/or objects. Handle with care like you would an automotive finish. If metal becomes scratched, clean with Pledge and follow with an industrial sculptor’s wax to seal the scratch in the coating. Be aware that exposed metal surfaces, without a protective coating, may corrode and/or oxidize.
- Never let any moisture of any kind sit on a Sprayed or Oil & Waxed metal surface. Wipe spills immediately with a soft cotton rag and/or paper towels until moisture is eliminated. Follow with a coating of Pledge or Howard Feed-N-Wax.
- Never let any metal surface come in contact with any solvents, ammonia, acidic liquid (including citrus), or a solution that will break down a painted and/or Oil & Wax surface. Chemicals, acids, and solvents will enhance metal corrosion and/or oxidization. Silver, brass, or stainless-steel cleaners/polishers will break down the Sprayed or Oil + Wax topcoat. Consult Mayer Designs with questions regarding surface touch-up and/or deeper cleaning.
- Metal finishes may need an annual maintenance coating of an industrial wax (Carnauba Wax) to refurbish and preserve the metal surface (similar to an automotive wax finish treatment). Similar to caring for a painted auto finish, waxing your metal products is important. Call for cleaning, re-finishing instructions, or to have Mayer Designs provide onsite finishing services.

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

- Sculpt Nouveau Metal Wax-Black, 4 or 8 Ounces (purchase through their website)
- Howard Feed-N-Wax Wood & Conditioner Beeswax & Orange Oil (found at Home Depot)
- Pledge (found at most grocery/hardware stores)

MAYER DESIGNS INC. will warranty defective craftsmanship. Normal wear and tear to metal work and/or metal finishes does not fall under any type of warranty. This includes scratching, abrasion, erosion, or exposure of metal finish, mishandling and/or dents to both interior and/or exterior metalwork.

It is recommended that all metal work be handled with thoughtful care and that the proper precautions are taken to protect the metal surface from exposure, abrasion, harsh cleaning materials/liquids, and extreme environments.

Mayer Designs, Inc. uses metal-grade finishes and topcoats but cannot warranty third-party finishing products, i.e., metal wax, oil, and spray finishes. A metal finish is provided “as is” and must be maintained per the provided Metal Care Instructions.

Similar to an automobile finish, the metal finish should not come in contact with abrasive objects or harsh cleaners. We recommend all finishes receive regular maintenance on a monthly to annual basis, depending on the type of use and/or exposure.

Exterior metalwork or metalwork that is exposed to the outside environment through open windows or doors should be checked regularly for exposure or erosion of the finish and the proper re-finish should be applied, as needed, depending on the type of environment and exposure. For example, extreme heat, cold, humidity, saline, or acid rain will erode and expose a metal finish. Re-finishing can be done as frequently as needed.

Please call with metal care questions or for re-finishing services. We are happy to help!
For additional information please refer to the Metal Reference & Care Guide in our Lookbook Library.

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