

LAURA ASHLEY
HOME

metal bed collection

information and care guide

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METAL BED COLLECTION

Add a touch of English elegance to your bedroom by selecting one of our beautiful handmade metal beds. Laura Ashley furniture is craftsman made with great care and attention to produce distinctive pieces that will bring pleasure for years to come.

- Laura Ashley metal beds are beautifully crafted many featuring hand poured castings.
- We offer a choice of sizes in many of the bed ranges to suit all needs, single (3'), double (4'6") King (5') and Super King (6').
- All Laura Ashley paint finishes are tough and durable with selected beds given additional treatments to create a unique appearance.
- Some beds are sold with a choice of open coil or pocket sprung basic mattress included, whilst others are sold separately for the flexibility to choose your own mattress. We recommend that you select a specification and features which suit your comfort requirements, full details are available in the Laura Ashley catalogue or our website.
- Metal beds are self assembly, assembly is very simple and full instructions will be enclosed with your product.

With careful use these finely made pieces will give many years of satisfaction.

FEATURES OF METAL CAST BEDS

Beds are hand finished and feature unique properties which add to the individuality of each piece.

Pouring and Hanging Points

- A feature of all cast beds, they are formed as part of the casting process where the molten metal is poured into the mould. Pouring points are then hand fettled but may appear as small raised areas around joints.
- In order for the paint to be applied small discreet holes are used to hang the frame which are on the underside of the bottom rail.

Movement

- To prevent movement check all fixings are tight and secure before use.
- From time to time all fixings and joints will require tightening to prevent loosening which can create squeaks and movement, full instructions are enclosed with your product.
- Most squeaks can be resolved by retightening. Persistent squeaks appearing after a period of time can easily be resolved by squeezing a little silicone gel into the squeaking joint.

LEVELLING, ASSEMBLY AND MOVING PRODUCTS

- Your bed must be positioned on a level solid surface to ensure it does not rock and the frame sits correctly and movement minimized. This is especially important for any supporting central legs supplied with larger beds which may require stabilising on a non slip surface. The use of felt pads or wedges on feet can assist if the floor is not level.
- Take care when moving products. We recommend they are lifted by two persons as dragging items across the floor will cause damage to the joints.
- Large items which are assembled on site from multiple sections should be disassembled before relocation to a new position.
- Self assembly items should be assembled at the intended location and lifted carefully in to position.
- Assembled products from time to time require all fixings and joints tightening to prevent loosening which can create squeaks and movement, full instructions are enclosed with your product.

SUNLIGHT AND HEAT

- Avoid exposing your bed to direct sunlight as this may prematurely fade the colour. In addition a minimum clearance of 30cm from heat sources is advised.
- We do not recommend locating products in excessively high or low temperatures, or where the environment is often damp as this may cause product issues.

MATTRESS SIZE

- Ensure that the mattress you intend using is compatible with the dimensions of your chosen metal bed before purchase. Laura Ashley mattresses meet industry standard sizes.
- Laura Ashley offers a wide range of quality mattresses fully compatible with our metal bed range to allow you the flexibility to mix and match your own bed and mattress comfort. Some beds are sold with a basic mattress included.
- As with all slatted beds some movement of the mattress on the smooth slats should be expected.
- Day beds require specific mattress sizes and are often sold complete with a choice of open coil or pocket sprung basic mattress.

FIRE RETARDANCY

- Due to the fire retardant treatment that is applied to the foam within the product and the mattress being sealed within a bag, there can sometimes be a slight odour on arrival. This will pass after a period of time once unwrapped and in use.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS

To help prolong the life of your Metal Bed and Bed Sets we advise the following:

Maintenance Metal Beds

- To maintain the appearance of your Bed we recommend regular dusting with a soft cloth.
- Remove spills immediately, in particular do not allow liquid to remain on your slats as this can cause wood to warp or finishes to de-laminate.
- Wipe stubborn stains with a soft cloth dampened with a mild detergent solution and dry with a lint-free cloth. Do not use abrasives or scouring creams.

Mattress and Bed sets

To prolong the life of your mattress please follow the guidelines below:

- If your mattress is 'no turn' it must be located with the correct side up identified by the label, and rotated from end to end each month to ensure even wear.
- Unless a 'no turn' specification mattresses must also be turned over completely as instructed by the labels on your mattress.
- To help your mattress settle we initially encourage the rotation/turning of mattress weekly wherever possible for the first 2-3 months, and then monthly thereafter.
- All mattresses and divans will show evidence of body decompression after use. Body impressions are a feature of handmade mattresses and are a result of generous layers of quality filling materials reacting to your body shape. This is just your mattress getting to know you and not a defect.
- Sprung mattresses because of the spring characteristics and layers of upholstery will compress where springs mould to body shape and weight, most noticeably in the centre of the mattress where weight is concentrated.
- Pillow top mattresses will more noticeably mould to body shapes on each side of a double, king-size or super king mattress. This is normal and will not affect mattress performance.
- Do not fold or roll your mattress as this will damage the vital edge support and may buckle or twist the spring unit.
- Avoid sitting on the edges of your mattress as this will compress the sides and distort the shape.
- Prevent liquid coming into contact with the mattress surface and fillings, as this can cause damage, the use of a mattress protector offers some additional protection from soiling.
- Laura Ashley offer a range of machine washable mattress and pillow protectors see the Laura Ashley catalogue or the website.

Care

- Protect delicate flooring from potential marking by feet or legs using felt pads or castor cups.
- Dropping furniture onto corners or feet will weaken and damage frames, feet or legs.
- Prevent sharp objects such as toys, buckles and heels from coming into contact with your furniture.
- Avoid contact with chemicals such as hair and skin preparations, fake tans, insect repellents and other cosmetics, or household cleaning materials, other than those recommended as these may affect the finish.
- If your furniture becomes soiled, scratched, chipped or suffers other damage we recommend professional help is sought to restore it.
- If you have relevant insurance you may wish to contact your provider for advice. Alternatively a number of nationwide services are offered including Guardsman Home Services* 0845 6020789 or for cleaning Safeclean* on 0800 585 693.

Following the guidelines above will ensure product performance is maintained. Laura Ashley is not responsible for defects caused by the misuse of your product or where the unit is in an unhygienic or stained condition.