

# LAURA ASHLEY

## HOME

# Gibbs Furniture

### information and care guide

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#### **GIBBS FURNITURE**

Laura Ashley furniture is craftsman made with great care and attention to produce distinctive pieces that will bring pleasure for years to come. Each item of furniture is hand finished and uses traditional cabinet making techniques to ensure strength and longevity.

- The Gibbs range teams the elegant simplicity of the Mid-Century Modern era with a contemporary Pale Steel paint finish. Its sweeping curves and splayed legs are complimented by its compact proportions and useful shelves.
- Featuring solid mahogany legs with tops and shelves in modern materials, it has a smooth matte finish.
- Gibbs is a self assembly range, assembly is very simple, detailed instructions are supplied with the furniture.

With correct assembly and careful use these finely produced pieces will give many years of satisfaction.

#### **FEATURES OF MODERN MATERIALS AND NATURAL WOOD**

Wood is a beautiful natural material with unique properties; which should not be mistaken for defects.

#### **Joint Lines and Knots**

These are a feature of all painted wood and modern materials furniture and can sometimes be visible through the painted surface, they do not affect performance.

## **EXPANSION AND TIMBER MOVEMENT**

- All timber and modern materials will expand and contract throughout the year as it acclimatizes to its surroundings, occasionally hairline cracks in grooves appear as panels move, these are all properties of natural timber.
- 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.

## **LEVELLING, ASSEMBLY AND MOVING PRODUCTS**

- Furniture must be positioned on a level surface to ensure that it does not rock, the use of felt pads or wedges is recommended as even the most modern property can experience minor variation in surfaces or levels.
- 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.
- Self Assembly items should be assembled at the intended location and lifted carefully into 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 furniture to excessive heat as this can cause cracking. A minimum 30cm clearance from heat sources is advised.
- Direct sunlight will cause the colour of real wood to change, even if painted or lacquered, especially if the furniture is placed near a window. Use in hot and sunny conservatories is not recommended.
- Leaving items such as ornaments in one place in sunlight on furniture may leave a mark when it is removed. Such marks should blend in with time.
- Never place hot dishes directly on to surfaces, use tablemats. Prolonged use of hot equipment e.g. a laptop, may cause scorching.
- Dark rubber feet used on some equipment may occasionally contain chemicals that can permanently mark on furniture surfaces so care should be taken.

## **MAINTENANCE AND CARE INSTRUCTIONS**

We recommend the purchase of a Staingard Care Plan\* at time of ordering (exclusions apply), to offer extra peace of mind in case of accidents. To prolong the life of your furniture we advise the following:

### **Cleaning**

- Regularly dust with a soft cloth and occasionally wipe with a soft cloth very lightly dampened with a mild detergent solution and dry with a lint-free cloth.
- Beeswax furniture polish from a reputable supplier may be used, however the repeated use of a polish containing silicone is not recommended as it will lead to a build up of a silicone film altering the appearance.
- Follow cleaning instructions carefully, spills should be removed immediately by blotting with a dry white cloth. If the spillage causes staining or the piece requires routine cleaning, we recommend a specialist cleaner. A number of nationwide services are available including Homeserve Furniture Repairs\* on 01384 473000.

### **Care - To Avoid Unnecessary Damage**

- Protect delicate flooring from potential marking by feet or legs using felt pads or castor cups.
- Do not drop furniture onto corners or feet, or lean backwards on two legs as this 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 available including Homeserve Furniture Repairs\* on 01384 473000 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.