

MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

MARBLE As a natural stone, marble is a material with visible variations; all samples are indicative only. Two different finishes of marble are used: natural (either glossy or matte), which enhances the quality of the material; or the clear polyester finish, which protects the surface itself, increasing its impermeability to liquids (used for countertops).

Maintenance instructions: it is recommended to remove stains and liquids immediately with a slightly damp cloth: marble is a natural material that tends to absorb liquids and therefore stains. For cleaning operations, we recommend using a soft cloth moistened with water and specific neutral detergents. Do not use other detergents, degreasers or descalers, which could scratch and damage the surfaces.

GLASS AND CRYSTAL Ordinary glass is a material consisting almost exclusively of silicon, like quartz. In pure form, glass is transparent, with a smooth surface; it is relatively hard, and virtually inert from a chemical and biological point of view. Depending on the type of processing and finishes, glass displays some physiological characteristics that fall within the margins of acceptability: for example, small air bubbles, streaks of light, or slightly irregular colour and shape are part of the nature of glass. These are a hallmark of craftsmanship, to be considered as intrinsic characteristics of the product, rather than defects. Contardi Quality Control selects these aspects with an adequate tolerance criterion. The glass used for some models of the Contardi collection is produced through a metallisation process, which involves the high-vacuum arrangement of metal microparticles on the glass surface. It is a high-quality treatment, but delicately executed. Other types, by contrast, are obtained through a paste finishing process, during which the glass is first coloured and then blown. The crystal glass used in the Contardi collections is made with lead oxide (24% by weight). This is a very pure crystal that acquires its true value when formed by the glass masters, at a material temperature of 1150°C – resulting in unique objects of great beauty and quality.

Maintenance instructions: do not use abrasive products, solvents, or alcohol. Use only a soft cloth with water, avoiding excessive friction.

WOOD Wood is a natural material that also presents considerable differences in grain and colouring – characteristics that define its origin and embody its main aesthetic value. Contardi's products are made exclusively with wood from controlled reforestation areas, under the protection of local and international laws and organisations, devoted to respecting nature and taking care of the environment around us. Being an organic material, it can undergo small changes in colour and size over time.

Maintenance instructions: we recommend using a soft cloth moistened with water, and avoiding ammonia-based, solvent, or abrasive cleaners.

FABRICS Contardi uses high-quality fabrics, which are industrially coupled with PVC to guarantee compliance with fire-resistance regulations, making the lampshade material fireproof.

OUTDOOR FABRICS The fabrics used for the OUTDOOR collections are also waterproof and/ or water repellent. Fabrics used on the models: BABU / CALYPSO / CALYBABU Flame retardant fabrics: CLASS UNO IM / BS EN 1021.1: 2006 CIGARETTE TEST / BS EN 1021.2: 2006 BUTANE FLAME TEST / NPFA 260: CLASS 1 IMO A0652 (16) / CIGARETTE TEST AND BUTANE TEST.

Maintenance instructions: DO NOT DRY CLEAN. DO NOT CLEAN IN A WASHING MACHINE. DO NOT IRON. DO NOT TUMBLE DRY. DO NOT USE STAIN REMOVERS. DO NOT USE AGGRESSIVE SOLVENTS.

Cleaning instructions: Prepare a solution of mild soap and warm water. Lightly dampen a sponge or very soft-bristled brush to clean the fabric of the lampshade. Clean with gentle movements. Rinse to remove all soap residue with a clean, dampened sponge. Allow the fabric to air-dry.

Mildew stains instructions: Polyolefinic fabrics do not promote mildew growth; however, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign bodies if not promptly removed from the fabric. If it is really necessary to remove mould or mildew: _ Remove all the foreign bodies present on the fabric and proceed with the cleaning operation indicated above. It is best to clean the entire surface area of the fabric to avoid water rings and stains.

Note: _ Polyolefinic yarn is solution dyed. _ The article has not been antimicrobially treated, but its composition makes it resistant to mildew growth. _ The article is resistant to sea water. _ Warning: the repeated use of these treatments could compromise the properties of the fabric over time.

FRINGES The fireproof Trevira CS fringes used in the Arcipelago model are a product of exceptional quality, due to the raw materials used, and the processing system.

Maintenance instructions: the fringes of the Arcipelago model are washable. Keep the bag for washing. Immerse the fringes in water at 30°C, with detergent inside the bag. Rinse under running water. Hang when still wet. If the fringes become shorter after washing, iron with a warm iron (temperature for silk). Flame retardant fringes: CLASS ONE IM / BS EN 1021.1: 2006 CIGARETTE TEST / BS EN 1021.2: 2006 BUTANE FLAME TEST / NPFA 260: CLASS 1 IMO A0652 (16) / CIGARETTE TEST AND BUTANE TEST.

LEATHER Maintenance instructions: to clean the leather parts, it is recommended to use a soft white cloth dampened in water, with a very small amount of neutral soap. After wringing it thoroughly, pass the cloth over the leather by exerting a very light pressure. For drying, use a normal very soft dust- cloth. This operation must also be carried out without applying excessive pressure.

PAINTED METAL OUTDOOR PRODUCTS All the outdoor products of the Contardi collection are subjected to a specific electro-coating treatment; this guarantees maximum resistance to corrosion, and therefore allows the products to be used in extreme climatic conditions (high/low temperatures, coastlines, on boats).

Maintenance instructions: do not use abrasive products, solvents, or alcohol. Use only a soft cloth with water, avoiding excessive friction.

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY PRODUCTS The flashing light inside the lamp indicates that the battery is completely discharged. Connect the plug to the electrical system to charge the lamp and/or the battery body. Check that the plug is inserted correctly into the socket. Leave to charge for about 4 hours (12 hours for first use) with the lamp OFF. If you do not plan to use the lamp for a long time, it MUST be completely charged before storing it; this prevents damage to the battery, as it is equipped with a self-consumption system in the absence of use. When re-used, the battery must be recharged again (for 12 hours) before switching on.