

## Ash

### Properties

Ash wood is strong, hard and durable. It is light and may have brownish vein patterns. It is often used for floors, stairs, toys and work tools. When used for outdoor furniture, ash wood has shorter durability and requires more cleaning and maintenance than other types of wood.

The wood's colour patinas over the years to a silver grey. Ash can have shrinkage cracks, i.e. small, thin cracks in the surface. If the furniture is exposed to large temperature fluctuations, larger cracks can occur.

The density of ash is 650 kg per cubic metre. Ash contains few protective substances with regard to rot and fungus. Estimated lifespan for oiled ash is up to 10 years.

### Operation and maintenance

#### *Cleaning*

- Regularly remove fallen leaves and the like
- Clean by cleaning the wood with a brush, water and mild detergent, e.g. dishwashing liquid
- Finish by wiping it off with a dry cloth
- Avoid pressure washing, since it opens up the wood grain

#### *Fungi and algae*

- If necessary, use a fungi or algae remover, e.g. before oiling
- Wood furniture should be stored under a roof, but with good ventilation from below to reduce the development of mould and algae

#### *Oiling*

Frequent oiling will make the wood more dirt and water repellent and reduce the risk of shrinkage cracks.

- Apply a suitable wood oil 3-4 times per year, for example Wood-Nolin. Oil is applied to dry wood, and sanding before oiling improves the result
- If the furniture is exposed to a lot of wear and tear, wind and weather, oil should be applied more often
- Please refer to the instructions and safety data sheet for the oil used