

Wrought Iron Patio Furniture – Stylish Heavy Metal

There is nothing quite like a lazy summer Sunday lunch enjoyed el fresco on your patio. The combination of fresh air, garden smells and sounds and sunshine make patio entertaining universally appealing and popular. For this reason patio furniture remains one of the most shopped for entertainment accessories with wrought iron patio furniture consistently among the front runners in the popularity race.

When compared to plastic and wooden patio furniture wrought iron tables and chairs popularity is easy to appreciate. Solid, sturdy and long lasting not to mention stylish and attractive, wrought iron patio furniture is an excellent choice when considering moving your lifestyle outdoors. Iron furniture is also low maintenance and with a little basic care can reasonably last a lifetime.

So what is wrought iron exactly? Wrought iron is used to describe any iron or even mild steel items that consist of ornamental detailing formed by heating iron square or round bar red hot and twisting or bending it into intricate shapes. These detailed elements are then combined in a flat, angle or square tube frame to form the furniture. Wrought iron is also commonly used in the construction of ornamental gates, fences and palisades.

By virtue of its construction wrought iron patio furniture is by no means light and flimsy. If the welding of all the separate parts has been done correctly, this type of patio furniture is immensely strong and as mentioned has an extensive life even when constantly exposed to the elements.

The very nature of the construction lends a personal, unique touch to all items unlike mass produced, injection moulded plastic varieties. They are available in a large range of finishes and cushion upholstery so they can blend in well with most décor themes.

Although wrought iron furniture is very durable and low maintenance there are one or two basic steps to follow if you want to get the maximum life out of your patio set. The first is to regularly check all pieces for scratches and chips in the finish.

As with most painted or powder coated metal items, rust is wrought iron patio furniture's biggest enemy. Any chips or scratches should be lightly sanded with medium grade sand paper or a wire brush to remove all loose paint, then a couple of coats of suitable enamel touch up paint applied to cover the chip.

The furniture should also be cleaned periodically. This is best done with a large plastic brush and a warm, soapy solution made with dishwashing detergent. The easiest way to do this is to move the set into the sun, remove the cushions and hose the units down to remove all excess dust. Give them a good brushing down with the soapy water then rinse off with the hose and allow to dry.

So if you want to add some real class and style to your outdoor leisure setup, consider wrought iron patio furniture. Solid and heavy enough to stand firm in a hurricane yet graceful and attractive, wrought iron sets make tasteful, versatile and long lasting additions to any patio environment.

