

# VOSS CO LIVING

## Assembly and Maintenance of Flight Deck®

### Coffee and Dining Table

#### **About Voss Co Living:**

Voss Co Living is a progressive force in Scandinavian design. The identity behind our products has evolved from a Dadaistic spirit of non-conformity and absurdity, which is fused with a minimalist approach to design. This fusion is an important feature in the Voss Co. design process as it involves the challenge of using a combination of unconventional forms and materials.

Our aim is to produce furniture with an essence of order and purity, merged with a sense of humour. Voss Co Living is about challenging the set borders within the established design world. It's about daring to go against the grain in creating furniture with soul and personality. Our aspiration is that the pieces retain this spirit when becoming part of your home.

#### **About Flight Deck:**

The Flight Deck table, a velvety smooth monolithic structure, carried by organically swerved, hand cast aluminium legs embodies the rather ironic, yet ordered and pure elements that is at the heart of all Voss Co Living products. It is in this innovative use of concrete that individuality is celebrated and convention is defied. The contrast and collision of materials, shape and structure creates a unique aura by emitting the pure and sanctimonious ambience of house alters.

## The Production Method:

Voss Co Living pioneered the actual method of casting concrete tabletops. So although the design of the Flight Deck table was finalised in the early nineties, the final product was not completed until 1994. Technically, it took over a year to improve the technique by which the tables are individually cast. And it is still an ongoing process. Concrete is a tricky substance, and as we all know, extremely heavy. To ensure that the tables remain sturdy, the concrete is, depending on the size, kept in place by a mesh of fibres or steel rods. In this way the solidity of the table is never compromised. It does however mean that small scratches, cracks, air bubbles and rough corners can occur. The characteristics of the mould will inevitably be imprinted into the concrete mixture. Ultimately, every table has it's own set of characteristics, some being more distinctive than others. These manifest themselves in the smooth, yet rough finish and possibly colour variations in the concrete surface. All these subtle aesthetic variations in the texture, finish and colour, guarantee that your table is unique and one of a kind.

The production of the organically shaped aluminium table legs was similarly arduous. It took four attempts to produce the cast with the sought after shape. Once the solid aluminium legs have been cast they are then polished by hand. Voss Co Living is continuously evolving the skill and craftsmanship needed to guarantee that the product is of the highest standard. Once our product is in your home, we feel that a couple of important pointers are needed on how to care for this rather unusual product.

## Attachment of the table legs:

- Gently place the table upside down and place on a soft flat surface to avoid scratches.
- Slot the aluminium legs on to the side of the table making certain that they have a snug fit.
- Carefully slot the bolt and washer into the hole. Screw the bolt in a clockwise direction **making sure that the thread of the bolt catches the pre-prepared ridges at a perfect 90 degree angle in the aluminium table legs.** If the bolt meets a lot of resistance it is being screwed in at the wrong angle. It does not need strength, just precision.
- The first part of the bolt and washer should be screwed in manually, after which a 17mm wrench or spanner may be used to tighten further.
- The bolt and washer can be tightened as required.

### **Maintenance of table legs:**

For daily maintenance wipe the aluminium table legs with a clean and dry cloth.

If a more thorough maintenance is needed to get rid of scratches and the like:

**Mat aluminium** can be polished with auto shampoo and an abrasive such as a Medium Fine CF-SH Green Pad or Pad 96 Aqua both available from 3M. We recommend that you remove the legs from the table.

**Polished aluminium** can be polished with a chrome polish such as Autosol. Apply a thin layer and polish with a soft piece of cloth.

### **Maintenance of concrete surface:**

Ironically this resilient and heavy-duty material is quite delicate and susceptible to dirt, especially when new. It is particularly sensitive to any acidic solutions. On purchase, the surface has been sealed with *Probat* tile soap/treatment which makes it resistant to dirt. **It is essential that the treatment be repeated up to 3 times immediately after purchase for maximum effect.** Repeat the treatment as required. The more the surface is saturated the better. In this context it is also important to note that the colour of the surface matures and darkens with time.

### **Soap flake treatment:**

- Dissolve one cup or a good handful of soap flakes in about a litre of boiling water.
- Wisk the solution with a washing up brush to create soapsuds.
- Thereafter, use the soapsuds to wash the concrete surface with a sponge or soft brush.
- To achieve the optimal effect allow the table to remain as moist as possible for as long as possible.
- Wipe off the excess solution with a moist cloth. Be aware of stripes and blemishes as the treatment is drying.
- It is important to wash the whole surface at one time.

**OR**

***Probat* tile soap/ treatment:**

- Dissolve ½ dl of *Probat* in about 5 litres of lukewarm water (½ a bucket).
- Apply the solution with a soft brush or cloth.
- Remember to rinse the brush or cloth in a bucket of clean water in between appliances.
- As with the soap treatment, leave the surface as moist as possible for as long as you can.
- The excess solution is the wiped of with a clean, moist cloth.
- Avoid stripes and blemishes as the treatment is drying.
- Remember to treat the whole surface at the same time.

**Thorough Cleansing of the Concrete Surface:**

If the surface is particularly stained or dirty use a solvent that dissolves old deposits of lime soap and grease such as PerborenR650, which can be found in shops specialising in cleaning agents. It is significant to note that with frequent use and in high concentrations PerborenR650 can function as a bleaching agent.

**Solvent treatment:**

- Use 5-10 grams per 1 litre very hot water.
- Wash **the whole surface of the table** 2-3 times with a sponge or soft brush.
- Leave the surface to dry and repeat if necessary.
- After this thorough cleansing, the surface needs to be made dirt resistant once more.

- Remember to repeat the soap flake treatment 2-3 times to ensure the surface has been sealed again.

**Isolated stain removal:**

Due to the sensitivity of the concrete and the harshness of the solvent, **it is not possible to remove isolated stains without causing blemishes.** Any spills on the table should be wiped with a clean and moist cloth as quickly as possible.

To remove stains it is necessary to treat **the whole surface** with a solvent at least two times, remembering to rebuild the protective layer of soap treatment afterwards.

**Under no circumstances should the concrete surface be scoured with sand paper or any other rough material in an attempt to get rid of a stain. This will destroy the finish.**

**Enjoy your Flight Deck.**

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