

**Our futons are strong and extremely comfortable. To ensure the longevity of your mattress, please flip and turn your mattress weekly and roll it regularly. This will prevent indentations forming in the same place where you sleep on it and will ensure the mattress flattens evenly over time as it is designed to do.**

#### **Care For Your Futon**

##### **A. REGULAR CARE PROGRAMME:**

The following regular care programme should be followed to prolong your mattress' life to obtain maximum comfort.

1. Keep your mattress clean and dry. We recommend placing a quality, washable mattress protector over the mattress when it is being used as a bed. We also recommend a Futon cover on the mattress when it is used as a sofa.
2. With use, the poly-cotton fill in your FUTON settles down and becomes firmer. To keep it resilient the mattress should be fluffed up weekly. The first month of owning your Futon, flip or turn your mattress weekly. If you are using your futon as a sofa, make sure that you do not sit in one place, move along the mattress so you do not get a worn place in the mattress.
3. You need to turn your futon on a fortnightly basis. The regular turning prolongs the mattress' life by uniform wear to each side of the mattress and will ensure your mattress is well ventilated and that the contents remain evenly distributed.
4. Your futon contains cotton which will absorb moisture from your body under a quilt at night. If it's your regular bed, once a month you should roll it up (like a Swiss roll) regularly.
5. On a monthly basis, put your futon in the sun preferably raised to allow any accumulated moisture in the mattress to dry. The occasional periods will have the added benefit of fluffing the cotton or wool and maintaining the loft of the natural fibre. If the fibre seems to have flattened use a smooth stick and beat the mattress. This will help to fluff the material.

##### **B. CLEANING**

The following are a few helpful points for cleaning your Futon.

1. Removable covers are readily available and recommended for your futon because mattresses cannot be laundered or dry cleaned if they become soiled. Removable covers are easily taken off of the futon and cleaned in cold water and Wool Mix.
2. Removable covers are Treat spills and stains as soon as possible. Gently scrape away soil and mop up any liquid from the fabric. As per the care label apply the recommended cleaning agent to remove the residue of the spill. First test the cleaner on an inconspicuous area. Don't saturate the fabric or interior with water or cleaning liquid. DO NOT use washing or laundry detergent or scrub with a brush. Dry thoroughly before use.
3. Many orders of stains may be removed from your FUTON by mixing a thin paste of baking soda and water. Apply it to the affected area; allow drying completely, then brush or vacuum the mixture off the futon.

##### **C. YOUR SAFETY**

We care for your safety so here are some helpful hints.

1. Do not attempt to lift or turn the futon by yourself, or you may risk back injury. Always ask someone to help you.
2. Dispose of the plastic bag immediately. Make sure that children never use the plastic bag as a plaything as there are no air vents and they may suffocate. These bags can be recycled.
3. Never place the futon near open flames or fire. The mattress is not flame proof or fire proof and can ignite or burn if exposed to an open flame or fire. When ignited some materials can emit smoke or hazardous gases.
4. When the Futon is used as a bed never smoke while in bed.

##### **D. WARNINGS**

1. Do not attempt to lift or turn your Futon by yourself. Always use at least 2 people as you may damage the mattress casing or stuffing.
2. Always grasp by the entire thickness of the filling never the casing alone, which may stress the seams, zip and stuffing causing the casing to rip.
3. In colder conditions body moisture may condense on the underside of your Futon causing soiling. Check regularly for moisture or soiling. If this happens turn and air your mattress more frequently.
4. Removable covers are recommended.

#### **How long will a futon mattress last?**

We have customers who change their futon after 4 or 5 years and others who use their futon for 10 years or longer. Futons become firmer over time and the lifespan will be different for different people. It depends on many factors including: your weight: the lighter you are the longer any mattress will last your profile: if you sleep on your side your mattress has to accommodate the shape of your hips and shoulders. For this reason there is some degree of gender difference – men tend to like firmer mattresses than women. If you sleep on you back your profile is flatter and a firmer mattress is more acceptable; how well you look after your futon: the cotton in your futon will absorb moisture from your body – **rolling and turning your futon once a week will air it and restore the loft of the fibres. The more you do this the longer your futon will last.**