

YAGOONA

Steel and Rust

Congratulations for your purchase of a Yagoona product. The product you have chosen contains Rusted surfaces which we supply to you Unrusted. These instructions will help you to get that warm inviting Rusty effect quickly, and share some tips and tricks to get the most out of your Yagoona product.

Rusting your product safely

Starting off the rusting process is advised so that your product achieves a more uniform rusted appearance quickly, while retaining maximum longevity.

Steps

1. Wipe down all the exterior surfaces of your product with a soapy water or vinegar solution.
2. Mix a Ts of table salt into 2 liters of hot water.
3. Spray or wipe exterior surfaces with the salty water and repeat this step every ~12-24h for a few days.
4. Rust will begin to develop in the next 2-3 days.
5. After about a week you can rinse with water the surfaces and let rust naturally.
6. You may seal rust when you are happy with the rust effect.
7. **Warning: DO NOT use chemicals to rust your Yagoona parts. They can seriously reduce the lifespan of your product and are extremely dangerous to the health of you, and your garden, and the overall environment.**

Placement and Foundations

Placement and preparation are important to keep the rust process as slow as possible.

- Try to avoid placing Yagoona products in damp and wet places in your garden.
- Preparing a layer of fine rocks or pebbles under your object goes a long way to creating more favourable conditions.
- For more stability, using concrete pavers strategically is also effective.
- Oiling or otherwise sealing rust is possible. We cannot advise on exact products due to the myriad of local solutions, but we suggest contacting your local dealer to ask for advice.
- Rust can stain concrete or natural stone surfaces. Keep this in mind during your placement.
- Coastal locations with salty moist air, and salting to de-ice winter surfaces can greatly influence the longevity of your Yagoona products. Consider using rust sealants in such conditions.

Longevity

Rust is a process of aging which cannot be completely stopped. But all natural objects age. This is what gives them the warm natural appeal. Our aim here is to share some tips in slowing it down. Yagoona supplies our parts separately so if you find one part of your Yagoona garden has rusted away, contact your dealer and together we will find a way to replace the aged parts.

Cor-ten

Yagoona has deliberately chosen to not use Cor-ten steel. Why?

Our research and experience has shown that the marketing of Cor-ten does not live up to its hype. While theoretically Cor-ten seems to be an ideal candidate for architectural garden features, we have found the reality to be different. The promised longevity of Cor-ten is only marginally realised when applied to garden objects such as planters, wood boxes, grills, etc... The reasons are many and complicated, but in short, we do not think it fair to charge you a premium for a feature that you will not really get.