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Model: ASKHOLMEN | Brand: IKEA

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential information for the assembly, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your IKEA ASKHOLMEN outdoor table and chairs set. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the product to ensure safe and optimal performance.

### Key Features

- **Space-Saving Design:** Both the table and chairs fold flat for convenient storage, ideal for small outdoor spaces.
- **Durable Material:** Constructed from sustainably sourced acacia wood, known for its natural durability and suitability for outdoor use.
- **Pre-treated Finish:** The furniture is pre-treated with a semi-transparent wood stain to enhance durability and preserve the natural wood appearance.
- **Versatile Use:** Designed for outdoor dining and relaxation, compatible with other ASKHOLMEN series items like plant stands and flower boxes to create a cohesive outdoor environment.



Figure 1.1: The ASKHOLMEN outdoor table and two chairs set.

## 2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

**WARNING: Failure to follow these safety instructions could result in injury or damage to the product.**

- Always secure the table and chairs when not in use to prevent tip-over, especially in windy conditions.
- Inspect the product regularly for any signs of wear, damage, or loose fittings. Perform necessary maintenance promptly to ensure stability and safety.
- Do not overload the table or chairs beyond their intended capacity.
- Keep children and pets away from the product during assembly to prevent accidents.
- Ensure all screws and fasteners are tightened securely before use. Re-tighten periodically as needed.

## 3. SETUP AND ASSEMBLY

The IKEA ASKHOLMEN set is designed for straightforward assembly. Please follow the included graphical instructions provided with your product for detailed step-by-step guidance. The general steps are outlined below:

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all parts from the packaging. Verify that all components listed in the assembly instructions are present and undamaged.

2. **Prepare Workspace:** Choose a clean, flat, and spacious area for assembly. Lay down a protective sheet to prevent scratches to the furniture or floor.
3. **Assemble Table:** Follow the specific instructions for assembling the table frame and attaching the tabletop. Ensure all screws are finger-tightened initially.
4. **Assemble Chairs:** Assemble each chair according to the instructions, ensuring the folding mechanism operates smoothly.
5. **Final Tightening:** Once all parts are loosely assembled, systematically tighten all screws and fasteners using the provided tool or appropriate household tools. Do not overtighten.
6. **Stability Check:** Gently shake the assembled table and chairs to ensure they are stable and all connections are secure.

**Tools Required:** Typically, IKEA furniture includes necessary tools (e.g., Allen key). If not, a screwdriver may be required.



Figure 3.1: Detail of the wood construction, illustrating the pre-treated finish.

## 4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The ASKHOLMEN set is designed for ease of use and storage. Both the table and chairs feature a folding mechanism.

### Folding the Chairs

1. Ensure the chair is empty and clear of any objects.
2. Locate the folding mechanism, typically a hinge or latch near the seat or legs.
3. Gently push the backrest towards the seat, or lift the seat to allow the legs to fold inwards.
4. Press the chair flat until it locks into its folded position.

### Folding the Table

1. Clear the table surface of all items.
2. Depending on the design, the table may fold by collapsing its legs or by folding the tabletop in half. Refer to the specific assembly instructions for your table's folding mechanism.
3. Carefully fold the table until it is flat and compact for storage.



Figure 4.1: The ASKHOLMEN set in its folded, space-saving configuration.

## 5. CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Proper care will extend the life and preserve the appearance of your ASKHOLMEN outdoor furniture.

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the furniture clean with a dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, use a mild soap solution and a damp cloth, then wipe dry immediately. Avoid abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals.
- **Wood Treatment:** To maintain the natural expression of the wood and its durability, re-stain the furniture regularly, for example, once a year. Use a wood stain suitable for outdoor use.
- **Storage:** When not in use for extended periods, especially during harsh weather conditions (e.g., heavy rain, snow, extreme sun), store the folded furniture in a cool, dry place indoors or cover it with a waterproof furniture cover.
- **Inspection:** Periodically check all screws and fittings to ensure they are tight. Re-tighten as necessary to maintain stability.

## 6. TROUBLESHOOTING

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your ASKHOLMEN outdoor furniture.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Furniture feels wobbly or unstable.	Loose screws or uneven ground.	Check and tighten all assembly screws. Ensure the furniture is placed on a flat, level surface.
Folding mechanism is stiff or difficult to operate.	Dirt accumulation in hinges or lack of lubrication.	Clean hinges and apply a small amount of silicone-based lubricant (avoid oil-based lubricants on wood).
Wood appears faded or dry.	Exposure to elements without regular re-treatment.	Clean the wood surface and apply a suitable outdoor wood stain or oil.
Minor scratches or dents on wood.	Normal wear and tear.	Lightly sand the affected area and re-apply wood stain or oil to match the existing finish.

## 7. PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Detail
Brand	IKEA
Model Name	ASKHOLMEN
Material	Acacia Wood
Color	Light Brown
Shape	Rectangular (Table)
Product Care Instructions	Wipe with Dry Cloth; Re-stain regularly for outdoor use.
Manufacturer	IKEA
ASIN	B0BW8VL99Y
Date First Available	February 15, 2023

## 8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For information regarding product warranty, please refer to the warranty card included with your purchase or visit the official IKEA website. IKEA products typically come with a limited warranty covering defects in materials and workmanship.

If you require technical support, have questions about assembly, or need to order replacement parts, please contact IKEA Customer Service through their official channels:

- **IKEA Official Website:** [www.ikea.com](http://www.ikea.com)

- **Customer Service Contact:** Refer to the "Contact Us" section on the IKEA website for phone numbers and online support options specific to your region.

Please have your product model name (ASKHOLMEN) and ASIN (B0BW8VL99Y) ready when contacting support.