

Tibo Teak - Care & Maintenance

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Teak furniture does not require any special maintenance routine or any additional protection apart from occasional cleaning. Left to weather naturally, teak will turn from a golden-brown colour to a light silvery grey as the pigments in the surface layer of the wood begin to fade away. This weathering process will vary depending on climate, exposure to the elements, and commitment to care and maintenance. We strongly recommend using outdoor covers to protect furniture from the elements and minimise aging.

The Senator Group do not apply any 'finishes' to our teak. All of our teak has a natural finish.

We recommend that you allow your teak furniture to weather naturally and simply clean thoroughly once or twice a year with a water and mild detergent solution, or Teak cleaner.

Teak furniture may also benefit from an occasional light sanding to remove any raised grain and restore a smooth finish to the surface.

Teak Protector can be also applied over the weathered surface to help repel moisture and to protect the teak from staining from foods and drinks. Apply Teak Protector twice a year to give the best results (in April and October) to help protect surfaces during the winter months.

Cleaning with Teak cleaner

1. Eye protection and rubber gloves to be worn.
2. Cover ground under working area.
3. Wet surface with thoroughly with clean water.
4. Spray cleaner onto wet surface.

To maintain the original appearance of Teak, it can be sealed with a Teak Sealer. This will help to maintain the natural, brown colour of fresh teak, without darkening the teak too much. Teak Sealer should be applied to furniture at least once a year.

Teak possesses natural oils and resists the adherence of paint or varnish. Any attempts to apply paint or varnish will likely result in poor adhesion and eventual peeling. We advise against using teak oil or any other wood oil on outdoor teak surfaces. Teak's inherent oily nature provides ample protection, and additional oil application offers no extra benefit.

The Senator Group design furniture to minimise and accommodate timber movement as much as possible, it cannot be prevented entirely.

The amount of oil that washes out of Teak initially will be higher, refrain from positioning new teak furniture on light-coloured, porous stone patio surfaces. Additionally, during wet weather in the initial months of exposure, avoid leaving cushions adorned with light-coloured fabrics on or near the teak furniture as there is an increased risk of staining both surfaces and fabrics.

5. Remove dirt with scrubbing pad.
6. Rinse cleaned area thoroughly with clean water and allow to dry.
7. Once dry use Teak protector.

Applying Teak Protector

1. Eye protection and rubber gloves to be worn.
2. Cover ground under working area.
3. First clean to remove natural oils on surface on new Teak and remove dirt from used, weathered Teak.
4. Allow to dry.
5. Ensure bottle of Teak protector is shaken thoroughly.
6. Spray directly onto complete surface and allow to dry for minimum 4 hours.
7. Repeat process and allow to dry for 48 hours before use.
8. Repeat treatment twice per year.

Applying Teak Sealer

1. Eye protection and rubber gloves to be worn.
2. Cover ground under working area.
3. First clean to remove natural oils on surface on new Teak and remove dirt from used, weathered Teak.
4. Sand surface lightly if required (220 grit).
5. Ensure surface is completely dry and dust free.
6. Ensure bottle of Teak Sealer is shaken thoroughly.
7. Test sealer on small unsee are to ensure colour is as required.
8. Apply a thin layer of sealer to evenly over surface with a cloth.
9. When fully dry apply a second thin coat.
10. Repeat treatment at least once per year.

Dos and Dont's of Teak Care

- Do clean teak gently using water and mild detergent for regular cleaning.
- Do clean using cloth, sponge, or soft brush.
- Do use Teak Cleaner once a year for best results.
- Use abrasive paper to remove any surface scratches or marks that otherwise cannot be cleaned.
- Do always sand in the same direction as the timber grain, never across the timber grain.

- Don't use a pressure washer on teak furniture.
- Don't use stiff or wire brush, or steel wool. This may remove the softer part of the grain, and leave unwanted textured surface, and steel may stain the teak with rust spots.
- Don't use bleach as this will discolour the timber.
- Don't apply paints, oils, varnishes, or stains.

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