



Chosen by the Outdoor Furniture Leaders



teak: a short introduction

Teak is a tropical hardwood with a beautiful golden/honey brown colour when it is new. Over time, as natural teak is exposed to the elements, it gradually changes colour from the honey colour of new teak to a silver-gray patina, which distinguishes finely aged, outdoor teak. If left untreated this silver-gray patina will deteriorate to a dark-gray or greenish colour.

I have just bought a new piece of teak furniture. Which care products would you recommend?

This depends on the colour that you prefer in your teak furniture. If you prefer the silver-gray, we recommend Instant Grey for teak and our Teak Shield. If you prefer the golden /honey brown of new teak, use Teak Protector.

If my teak furniture has already turned dark-gray, which care products would you recommend?

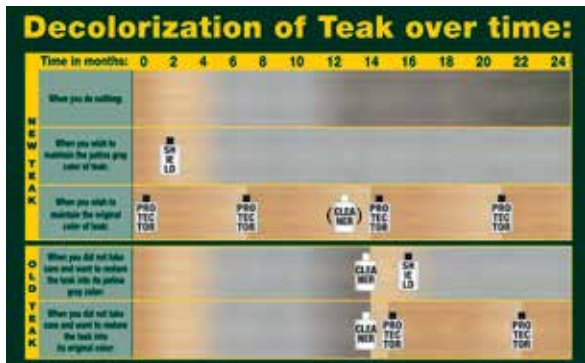
If you would like to restore the colour to the natural silver use Teak Cleaner to clean and brighten the wood. Afterwards apply the Teak Shield to preserve the silver-gray colour. If you prefer the colour of new teak, use Teak Cleaner first to restore the colour and apply the Teak Protector to preserve the colour.

Once treated, can teak be left outside in the rain?

Yes. Soon after application our products will be dry and will protect the furniture from sun, rain and snow.

Does it matter at what time of year I have my teak wood treated?

No. However, we recommend treatment prior to winter storage and at the beginning of the season when it is put to regular use.



teak whitewash

Gray becomes light-gray, brown becomes light-brown



For more information about WhiteWash have a look at www.golden-care.com.

instant gray for teak

Turns brown teak within an hour into a driftwood-gray colour



For more information about Instant Grey have a look at www.golden-care.com.

hardwood protector

Maintains the dark brown or red colour of tropical hardwood



For more informatie about HardWood Protector take a look at the other side of this brochure, chapter Teak Protector. Or look on www.golden-care.com.

vintage teak protector

Maintains the dark brown colour of teak for a longer time



For more informatie about VintageTeak Protector take a look at the other side of this brochure, chapter Teak Protector. Or look on www.golden-care.com.

All you need to know about taking care of teak/hardwood casual furniture

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Video demonstration at www.golden-care.com, FAQ!



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teak & hardwood cleaner

Cleaner and Brightener in one. This product cleans and restores discoloured, dirty, dark gray and/or green teak



How do I clean teak?

Use Teak Cleaner, which is specifically designed to kill mould and mildew spores inside teak. Simply follow the directions on the bottle and the colour will be restored. Since cleaning teak takes some time and effort, we recommend using Teak Protector or Shield before weathering takes effect again.

What if my teak is rough and weathered?

Although it may look rough and weathered, teak has enough natural teak oil inside to keep it protected from rot. Simply put, rough teak is a cosmetic problem, not a maintenance problem. If you prefer a completely smooth surface we advise hand sanding your teak with very fine sandpaper. Power sanding generates extra heat that can create black marks on your teak. After sanding, use a dry, rough cleaning sponge to remove any remaining sawdust.

How does Teak Cleaner react on oiled or sealed teakwood?

Teak Cleaner removes the oil and/or dirt from the wood, making the wood evenly pale-brown. The teak may be subsequently treated with Teak Protector or Shield depending on your colour preference. It is important that Teak Protector is never applied directly to oiled teak, because it will result in a very poor finish.

Does the Teak Cleaner affect pavement and/or grass and plants?

Teak cleaner may affect grass, plants and some types of pavements. We recommend covering the work area with a disposable piece of plastic.

Some other brands sell two products for cleaning teakwood; a teak cleaner and a teak brightener. Does Teak Cleaner do the same job?

Because Teak Cleaner contains both cleaning and brightening ingredients, the two-step process can be reduced to one step, saving time and money.

What if I notice darker (or even black) spots on some parts of the furniture?

Black spots are typically caused by humidity in the wood that is developing into mould or mildew. This can be remedied by cleaning the dark spots with Teak Cleaner. Alternatively, the spots can be sanded by hand and then cleaned.

To prevent this from happening again, use Teak Protector after the cleaning step.



teak protector

Maintains the original, golden brown colour of teak for a very long time



What is Teak Protector?

Teak Protector is an innovative treatment for teak that is easy to apply and lasts a long time. The treatment protects your teak and keeps it looking great by retaining its natural warm brown colour. Teak Protector doesn't let your teak turn black or gray and lasts the entire season. Plus it provides 100% protection from the sun.

Teak Protector is water-based. Does this mean that this product will dry very slowly?

Although Teak Protector is water-based, it dries quickly allowing you to use your furniture within a few hours.

Does Teak Protector affect pavement and/or grass and plants?

Teak Protector may affect grass, plants and some types of pavements. We recommend covering the work area with a disposable piece of plastic.

What will happen if you apply a paste wax after treating teak with Protector?

When Teak Protector is completely dry, it will not react with water-based waxes. Only when solvents are present in the wax (e.g. acetone) may some weakening and dissolving occur.

I understand that Teak Protector provides protection against Teak discoloration, however, does it seal the wood and/or provide protection against water stains, food stains, oil stains etc.?

Teak Protector seals the wood and provides water protection, but it will not protect from food or oil over the long term. This type of protection requires the use of Teak Shield.

Does Teak Protector alter the colour of new Teak after application?

Unlike oils and sealers, Teak Protector hardly changes the colour of the teak. Teak-oils and/or sealers typically change the colour of teak to a darker brown or reddish orange tint. Teak Protector reinforces the golden/honey colour and gives a beautiful end-result.

If you do not recommend a spray or sponge application, what is the preferred way to apply Teak Protector?

We recommend using a dust free cloth to apply a thin layer. Using a sponge or spray may result in overuse of the Protector which could result in slight cracking and/or blistering.

Can I apply Protector when there's sawdust from sanding on my teak?

You can, but it may leave the surface a bit rough, resulting in a less appealing finish. We recommend removing the sawdust with a dry, rough cleaning sponge prior to treatment with Teak Protector.

Does the Protector affect aluminum, brass or sling parts of the furniture?

Teak Protector does not affect aluminum, brass or sling. However, to keep these materials clean, it is best you prevent contact with Teak Protector. If these parts come in contact with Protector they can be cleaned with water while the Protector is still wet.

teak & hardwood shield

Makes teak repellent to water and moisture. Helps to prevent stains caused by food and drinks



When should I use Teak Shield?

Teak Shield provides an almost invisible layer of protection on the surface of the wood that helps to prevent food stains (coffee, ketchup, red wine) from penetrating into teak wood. Teak Shield also protects teak against moisture and adhesion of dirt and mildew growth, resulting in a natural silver patina gray color.

Can I use Teak Shield on new teak wood?

Before using Teak Shield on new teak, put the teak outside for one week. Follow the instructions for use.

Can I use Teak Shield on weathered or dark gray teak?

Teak that has been weathered should be cleaned with Golden Teak Cleaner prior to applying Teak Shield. If the teak feels a bit rough, it can be lightly sanded before treating with Teak Shield. Additional instructions can be found on the bottle.

How often should I apply Teak Shield?

We recommend treating teak with Teak Shield at least once per year. Tabletops should be treated more often, depending on the frequency of use.

Can I use Teak Shield on Teak Protector?

It is possible to use Teak Shield on Teak Protector. This will result in improved water repellency, but only for a rather short period of time, because the teak shield cannot completely soak into the wood. This means that treatments need to be repeated more frequently.

Can I use Teak Protector on Teak Shield?

This is not possible because Teak Shield does not allow the Teak Protector to soak into the wood. This implicates that the treated teak first needs to be cleaned with Teak Cleaner, before the Teak Protector can be reapplied.

Teak Shield is water-based. Does this mean that this product will dry very slowly?

Although our Teak Shield is water-based, it dries quickly. The polymer ingredients in Teak Shield interact with the wood-fibers causing Teak Shield to break down rapidly. After the first layer is applied, four hours are needed before applying a second coating. Humid climates may require a slightly longer drying time. After the second layer, 48 hours should pass before the furniture is used. Since Teak Shield reacts with moisture in the air, the reaction will be completed approximately one week after application.

How can I remove Teak Shield from the wood?

Golden Care Teak Cleaner will remove Teak Shield. If needed, the wood can be sanded after drying.