



TEAK

Teak (*Tectona grandis*) is a large, deciduous tree (up to 40 m (131ft) tall) and is dominant in natural, mixed hardwood forests in India, Myanmar, Laos and Thailand. The majority of commercially harvested teak is grown in plantations in Indonesia. The primary use of teak from Indonesia is in the production of outdoor teak furniture for export. Teak timber is particularly valued for its durability and water resistance, and is used for boat building, exterior construction, veneer, furniture, carving, turnings, and other small wood projects. Teak's natural oils make it useful in exposed locations, and make the timber termite and pest resistant. It is considered to be the 'gold standard' for decay resistance, and its heartwood is rated as very durable being resistant to termites.

Teak is durable even when not treated with oil or varnish. Teak is a yellowish brown timber with good grain and texture. Although easily worked, it can cause severe blunting on edged tools because of the presence of silica in the wood. Teak timber has a leather-like smell when it is freshly milled. Teak's high oil content, high tensile strength and tight grain makes it particularly suitable for outdoor furniture applications. Over time teak can mature to a silvery-grey finish, especially when exposed to sunlight.

MAINTENANCE

Use DEVON Timber Furniture Cleaner, which is specifically designed to kill mold 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 DEVON Teak Protector or DEVON Timber Furniture Shield before weathering takes effect again.



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