



# TEAK UNIVERSITY

*A.R.B. Teak* lives and breathes Indonesian teak furniture. It's because of this passion that we're committed to sharing our wisdom and knowledge so that you too can become a teak expert.

We truly believe the more you learn about teak, the more you will not only come to see it as the only solution for bath and spa furniture, but also come to fall in love with it – like we have!

**Welcome to TEAK U.**

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**Teak & Specialties**



Contrary to popular belief, you don't need a special 'teak cleaner' or 'teak oil' to take care of your teak – ever! That's because 'teak oil' is distinct from naturally occurring oil found in grade A teak.



Teak oil is actually a mixture of linseed or tung oils with some varnish and thinners added. It's called "teak" oil because it's intended for use on teak wood, not because it comes from teak trees.

It's marketed to unsuspecting furniture buyers who want to help 'protect' their teak and maintain its warm golden colour.

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## Teak is actually maintenance-free

That's right: teak wood does not need to be maintained. That's because grade A teak, when left 100% natural, doesn't need any protection from the weather, elements, pests, rot or decay.

**It inherently has everything it needs to take care of itself.**

There is, however, a right way to care for natural grade A teak.



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### How to care for natural, grade A teak



**Shower benches and mats**



**Outdoor furniture**

## FIRST TIME USE

Wash using a good quality plastic bristle brush, dish soap and water.

1. Use a constant flow of water
2. Go in the direction of the grain

## AFTER



Periodically remove accumulated residue using a plastic bristle brush and fresh water while showering and when cleaning the whole shower.

Don't forget to flip your shower benches and mats over to get at any residue that has accumulated underneath.

Teak furniture exposed to the sun will develop a silver patina. **IF** no oils or teak products have been applied, it will easily return to its elegant, honey hue with a good scrub.

1. Pre-wet your furniture and let sit for 5 minutes. This helps loosen up the dirt to be scrubbed away. Do this in the shade so the water doesn't quickly evaporate.
2. Wash your teak with a good bristle brush, dish soap and water to remove dirt accumulated from being outside.
3. *Do not use a pressure washer!* This will elevate the grain and make your furniture rough. You'll then have to sand it down to smooth it out.

Wash table tops a few times per summer, depending on use. Chairs once a year, usually in spring.



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## What happens when you add oil?

Adding any kind of oil or synthetic product on top of natural teak creates a barrier where mold and mildew thrive. Once you start oiling your teak, you'll never stop. You'll become trapped in a maintenance cycle you will quickly regret.

So now you know: Once a client opts for a well-made, grade A shower bench or mat, there's not much more they need to do but relax and enjoy their spa-like shower experience — and clean every once in a while.

**And any suggestion that natural grade A teak requires regular maintenance beyond mild soap and a bristle brush is either lack of knowledge, hiding inferior quality wood, or will compromise the quality of the piece.**

Have you heard or read something different on how to clean teak? Don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you might have: 1.855.772.8325.

