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WOVEN COLLECTION OUTDOOR | GRAY TEAK



NEW GRAY TEAK

Teak Wood Grade: A | **B** | C

Teak wood, Latin name *Tectona Grandis*, has become one of the most sought after woods and is widely known as the most valuable tropical hardwood. Teak wood is an excellent material for many applications including ships/boats, buildings, bridges and high end furniture, including outdoor furniture.

Since the interior of the wood contains rich natural oil, teak can withstand extreme weather conditions. Teak wood grows slowly, which is partly why it has such a rich oil content. Teak is not harvested until it has grown for 30-50 years. All Teak wood is kiln dried to a 10% moisture content. This process is essential and is strictly controlled to ensure the product is dried properly to avoid extreme cracks, bows and cupping, which can occur when wood has a high moisture content. During production, it is normal for the moisture content to rise to around 12-14%.

Teak Production

- Most joints are Mortise & Tenon
- Some joints require a grooving line ("U" Groove) to allow the wood to move. This is also called "checking".
- For outdoor products, it is best to use slats instead of solid laminated tops because the wood is always breathing and moving. The gaps between the slats allow water to pass through the top, which helps to prevent water from collecting.
- Our furniture is constructed using a very particular glue sourced from Europe that is designed for use with outdoor furniture.
- Hairline cracks and other cracks are part of a natural reaction and should be expected. Solid Teak wood is a living material that is constantly reacting to the surrounding environment, in particular an open-air environment.

All solid wood exported from Indonesia is strictly monitored by the Indonesian Government to avoid any illegal timber trades. Our Teak wood is exported under license.

Care & Maintenance:

Once you have assembled and placed your solid Teak wood furniture outside, it is recommended that you clean it. Spray down the furniture with a water hose to remove the dust and dirt. Once soaked, let the furniture dry under direct sunlight. Repeat this process 3-5 times. This process helps minimize the potential for the natural oils to drip onto any cushions, which can cause stains.

Instant Gray

Our products are finished in what is called Instant Gray Finish. This is a treatment that helps the wood turn its silver-grey patina much faster. The wood will change color in approximately 6 months to a year. For the best Instant Gray results, it is important to put the product outside under direct sunlight.

The following is a normal part of the Instant Gray process:

- During rains, your furniture may look dirty and appear to be stained
- Dark and light lines may develop in the wood
- The finish may look like it has drops on it after the initial exposure to rain



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Care & Maintenance: (Continued)

Cleaning

Continue to leave your furniture outside and after approximately 1-3 months the color will start to appear more uniform across the product. After the initial exposure to rain, do not attempt to clean your furniture with soap and water. Clean your furniture only with a hose to spray away the dirt. After 3 months, you may clean your furniture by gently rubbing with a soft sponge, mild soap and water. A soft-bristle brush may be incorporated for a more robust cleaning. Rinse with water and dry with a soft cloth. If more care is needed, use Teak Cleaner then apply a new layer of Instant Gray finish.

Here are the products we recommend:



Golden Care®
Multi-Surface Outdoor
Furniture Cleaner &
Stain Remover Spray



Golden Care®
Hardwood & Teak
Instant Gray Finish

Maintenance

If the furniture is in a freezing environment, thoroughly clean and dry, then store it in a dry place such as garage or shed. Rain and snow may fill any small cracks in the wood with moisture, which will lead to additional cracks. If storage is unavailable, the furniture should be covered with outdoor furniture covers and not left wet. Avoid letting water stand on the surface of your furniture or cushions. It is recommended to store cushions indoors during heavy rain or extreme weather. Do not cover your furniture with fabric that does not breathe. If the furniture is left wet, the furniture will likely develop mildew that will need to be cleaned off.

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATION: The Woven Collection's "Gray Teak" is solid teak wood finished with a solution that expedites the aging process of teak to a natural silver tone. Over time, the natural weathering of Gray Teak will cause its appearance to change in color and texture, with possible marks and cracks. By ordering Gray Teak, you accept these characteristics and agree that no claim will be approved regarding the natural aging process of teak or the special color qualities associated with the Gray Teak finish. Special care should be taken to protect this natural finish.