FOUR HANDS

Outdoor Teak Care Guide

About Teak

- Teak has long been used for outdoor construction and is a naturally hard wood that holds up over time, making it perfect for outdoor furniture.
- When exposed to the elements and UV radiation over time, teak will acquire a silver/grey patina. This is a purely aesthetic change that does not affect the integrity of the furniture.
- All aging timelines are dependent upon weather and exposure variables, as the climate or setting can impact the speed of the aging process.
- Our factories follow correct protocols and controls to ensure consistency and longevity, such as adhering to curing times and having on-site finish technicians.

Washed Brown & Weathered Grey

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Overview

- The Washed Brown and Weathered Grey finishes are applied on top of the teak, as opposed to a teak oil or stain that is absorbed by the wood.
- These finishes are appealing since they mimic how the teak will age from the start. They mirror the aging process with wire brushing and grey undertones, ensuring that the long-term weathering affect is similar to the original look.
- The finish will wear through over time and reveal the underlying teak.
- Fully painted and sealed finishes age slower than natural teak.

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Finished Aging within 1st Season

The finish continues to wear away, exposing the raw wood that will ultimately turn grey.

Natural Teak

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Overview

- A Natural finish highlights the innate beauty and grain pattern of the teak, showing the highs and lows of the heartwood mixed with sapwood.
- Natural teak finishes have a water-based finish applied that, once exposed to UV radiation, will begin to break down, allowing the teak underneath to silver in 1–3 months depending on exposure.

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Progression of Patina

The first signs of silvering will be apparent within 1–3 months. Timeline of full silvering is dependent upon elements and exposure.

All Finishes

Forms of Aging

In addition to finish wear and silvering, there are additional signs of aging such as joint expansion/contraction, peeling/bubbling and hairline cracks. These are all common results of natural aging and moisture changes. These are not product defects.

All Finishes

Care Recommendations

- Address spills immediately by wiping with a soft, dry cloth.
- Clean as needed with warm, soapy water, then dry with a soft, clean cloth.
- Avoid the use of harsh cleaners and abrasives.
- Do not let water stand on the surface of the piece.
- Once your furniture is clean and fully dry, protect with a well-ventilated cover during inclement weather and when not in use.
- As the finish wears and is exposed to the elements, peeling or bubbling may occur. Gently clean with a soft, natural bristle brush in the direction of the grain to remove the finish that has started to peel away. This process will expose the raw wood, allowing it to begin to silver and blend back in with the finish in 1–3 months.
- When your furniture piece has fully weathered, no additional care is required. Consult a furniture technician if reviving natural color is desired.