



## Teak Furniture



Teak (*Tectona Grandis*) is a deciduous hardwood tree that is native to South East Asia. Originally found naturally in several countries in the region, significant quantities are now only found in Burma.

Due to its naturally high oil content, Teak is resistant to both rotting and warping when exposed to climatic extremes. For centuries, this special quality of Teak has made it the preferred choice for marine decking and construction and the premium timber for outdoor furniture.

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Due to the high value of Teak, over the years it has been planted and cultivated as a cash crop in many countries including Indonesia and several in Africa and South America. Teak is not naturally found in these areas, none of which are rainforest. Pictured is a plantation in Indonesia, which is owned by the government and from which we obtain most of the Teak we use.

## Care

Over a few months in an outdoor environment, untreated teak will weather to a silver grey colour, which is due to the action of sunlight. Many owners of teak furniture prefer this natural patina and an example is shown in the seat pictured above. The following care products may be used to retain or restore the original colour of Teak and protect it as described. In the UK we recommend you contact Andrew Banks at [www.andrewbanks.co.uk](http://www.andrewbanks.co.uk) who will maintain your furniture using our care products if you do not wish to undertake this work yourself.



**Teak Colour Guard - 4TCG** applied annually will maintain the natural colour of teak using UV inhibitors to slow the natural greying process caused by sunlight and pigments that help to maintain its natural colour. This treatment must be applied before the Teak is allowed to weather or after cleaning.

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**Teak Stain Guard – 4TSG** forms an invisible layer to protect your Teak from everyday stains such as butter, oil and red wine making cleaning easier.



**Teak Cleaner – 4TC** will quickly remove accumulated dirt.



**Teak Oil – 4TO** is the traditional method of retaining the colour of Teak although its repeated application will make the Teak much darker in colour and for this reason we do not recommend its repeated use.



**Anti-Wasp Solution – 4WS** contains vanilla essence that harmlessly deters wasps from defacing the surface of wood by harvesting the cellulose to build their nests. This product is not available in the USA.