

TEAK CARE

Originally teak comes from the South East of Asia. Apple Bee manufactures all its outdoor furniture in Indonesia. The best quality comes from the East of Java, where the goldenbrown flamed hardwood is also known as 'djati'. Nowadays the teak tree (tectona grandis) is planted on large scale in the tropics all over the world. This results in differences in color, weight and hardness of the wood.

Teak has been used for decades in outdoor furniture and is also acclaimed for its high weather resistance. Teak contains many natural oils, which serves as a natural protective layer on the wood. Moreover teak doesn't rust and there won't arise corrosion on the wood when it is in contact with metal. The lifetime of teakwood is generally much higher than the lifetime of other types of wood. All these benefits together explain why this type of wood is perfect to use for outdoor furniture.

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Pre-treated by Apple Bee

Apple Bee already pre-treated your teak furniture with an anti-fungus pesticide during the production, which is designed to kill mould and mildew spores inside teak. This preparations has no further consequences for the additional treatment with Apple Bee's care products.



HOW DO I MAINTAIN MY TEAK?

FAQ

What if I notice darker (or even black) spots on some parts of the furniture?

Black spots are typically caused by humidity in the wood that is developing into mould or mildew. This can be remedied by cleaning the dark spots with Apple Bee Teak Cleaner. Alternatively, the spots can be sanded by hand and then cleaned. To prevent this from happening again, use Apple Bee Teak Color Restore (Antique / Coastal) or Shield after the cleaning step.

I have just bought a new piece of teak furniture, which care products would you recommend?

This depends on the color that you prefer for your teak furniture. If you prefer the silver-gray, we recommend the Apple Bee Teak Shield. If you prefer the golden/honey brown of new teak, use Apple Bee Teak Color Restore Antique or Coastal for the grey/brown colorfinish.

If my teak furniture has already turned dark-gray, which care products would you recommend?

If you would like to restore the color to the natural silver, use Teak Cleaner to clean and brighten the wood. Afterwards, apply the Teak Shield to preserve the silver- gray color. If you prefer the color of new teak, use Teak Cleaner first to restore the color and apply the Teak Color Restore Antique or Coastal to preserve the desired color.

Does Apple Bee- Cleaner, Color Restore or Shield affect aluminum, brass or sling parts of the furniture?

Teak Color Restore (Antique or Coastal), Color Restore or Shield does not affect aluminum, brass or sling. However, to keep these materials clean, it is best you prevent contact with the Apple Bee care products. If these parts come into contact with Apple Bee care products they can be cleaned with water while the teak is still wet.

Do I have to take personal precautions before using Apple Bee care products?

The Apple Bee teak care products are not dangerous. They care products are on waterbase, human- and environmentally friendly and 100% biodegradable. However we recommend to avoid skin- and eyecontact and use Apple Bee care products in well ventilated areas. The care products of Apple Bee may effect grass, plants and some types of pavements. We recommend covering the work area with a disposable piece of plastic.

Once treated, can teak be left outside in the rain?

Yes. Soon after application, our products will be dry and will protect the furniture from sun, rain and snow.



Does it matter at what time of year I have my teak wood treated?

No. However, we recommend treatment prior to winter storage and at the beginning of the season when it is put to regular use. It's important to apply the Color Restore (Antique/Coastal) before the teak becomes gray, because preventing teak becoming gray takes less time than restoring gray teak with Apple Bee Teak Cleaner. Apple Bee Teak Color Restore should already be used when the teak furniture starts to fade.

What is Apple Bee Teak Cleaner and when do I use it?

To clean your teak, simply use Apple Bee Teak Cleaner, which is specifically designed to kill mould and mildew spores inside teak. Simply follow the directions on the bottle and the color will be restored. Since cleaning teak takes some time and effort, we recommend using Teak Color Restore (Antique / Coastal) or Shield before weathering takes effect again.

What if my teak is rough and weathered?

Although it may look rough and weathered, teak has enough natural teak oil inside to keep it protected from rot. Simply put, rough teak is a cosmetic problem, not a care problem. If you prefer a completely smooth surface, we advice hand sanding your teak with very fine sandpaper. Power sanding generates extra heat that can create black marks on your teak. After sanding, use a dry, rough cleaning sponge to remove any remaining sawdust.

Some brands sell two different products, like a teak cleaner and a teak brightener. Does Apple Bee Teak Cleaner do the same?

Because Apple Bee Teak Cleaner contains both cleaning and brightening ingredients, the two-step process can be reduced to one step only, saving you time and money.

How does Apple Bee Teak Cleaner react on oiled or sealed teakwood?

Apple Bee Teak Cleaner removes the oil and/or dirt from the wood, making the wood evenly pale-brown. The teak may be subsequently treated with Apple Bee Teak Color Restore or Shield depending on your color preference. It is important that Apple Bee Teak Color Restore is never applied directly onto oiled teak, because it will end in a very poor result.



What is Apple Bee Teak Color Restore (Antique and Coastal)?

Apple Bee Teak Color Restore Antique is specially developed for Apple Bee teak furniture with Antique finish and Coastal for teak furniture with the Coastal finish. Teak Color Restore is a modern treatment for teak that is easy to apply and lasts a long time. The treatment protects your teak and helps it retaining its natural warm color. Color Restore doesn't let your teak turn black or gray and lasts the entire season. Plus it provides 100% protection from the sun. In comparison to other teak care products, Teak Color Restore doesn't need 4 treatments a year. Moreover, Teak Color Restore will protect your teak against the sun.

How long does Apple Bee Teak Color Restore (Antique and Coastal) last?

Apple Bee Color Restore generally lasts for the entire season without turning black or gray. The duration depends upon factors such as exposure to sunlight, humidity, rain, the age of the teak, and some other factors.

How do I apply Apple Bee Teak Color Restore (Antique and Coastal)?

We recommend applying a thin layer of color restore antique onto your teak with a clean cloth. Don't use a sponge or spray. This could result in a too thick layer, which can peel off after a certain period or slight cracks may occur. Before you start treating your outdoor furniture, please make sure you make your teak is dust free.

If I used Apple Bee Teak Color Restore and decide that I do not like it, how can I remove it?

The best way to completely remove Apple Bee Teak Color Restore is to completely sandpaper the teak, which can be rather time-consuming. We recommend using Apple Bee Teak Color Restore (Antique or Coastal) on a small area first such as the back of a leg to judge if the treatment meets your expectations.

Does Apple Bee Teak Color Restore react with teak-oils and/or sealers?

To use Apple Bee Teak Color Restore on oil-treated wood, it should first be cleaned with Apple Bee Teak Cleaner. Apple Bee Teak Color Restore should never be applied directly to oiled teak, because it will "react" with the oil. This can result in stains and in severe discoloration.



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What is Apple Bee Teak Shield and when should I use this product?

Apple Bee Teak Shield is a care product for teak wood furniture based on synthetic polymers, which resist water and dirt. Apple Bee Teak Shield slows the growth of algae and fungi. To maintain teak's silvergray color for a long period of time, without getting green deposits, Apple Bee Teak Shield should be used. Shield guarantees the typical light-gray patina of your furniture for a long time.

How do I make sure my teak gets the nice silvergray patina color?

Leave your furniture outside for 4 to 8 weeks, so that it becomes a slightly pale yellow color. Apply Apple Bee Teak Shield according to the directions on the packaging.

How to get weathered teak become gray again?

The teak furniture should be cleaned with Apple Bee Teak Cleaner. This will remove the deposits from the teak and returns the wood into the original pale brown color. After this treat with Apple Bee Teak Shield.

How should I apply Apple Bee Teak Shield?

Ensure that the teak is 100% dry. Apply a layer of Apple Bee Teak Shield using a soft lint-free cloth, and allow it to penetrate into the wood. Allow it to dry for 4 hours and apply a second layer. Allow the furniture to dry for 24 hours before exposing it to weather conditions.

Can I apply Apple Bee Teak Color Restore on Apple Bee Teak Shield?

This is not possible because Teak Shield does not allow the Teak Color Restore to penetrate into the wood.

And the other way around? Can I apply Teak Shield on Teak Color Restore?

Yes, we even recommend that. This makes the teak more resistant to stains.

How often should I apply Apple Bee Teak Shield?

We recommend treating teak with Apple Bee Teak Shield at least once a year. Tabletops should be treated more often, depending on the frequency of use. Extreme green deposit can occur under some conditions, such as exposure to long periods of damp. In this case, it is advisable to apply Apple Bee Teak Shield twice a year.

When should I use Apple Bee Teak Shield?

Teak Shield provides an almost invisible layer of protection on the surface of the wood that helps to prevent food stains (coffee, ketchup, red wine) from penetrating into teak wood. Teak Shield also protects teak against moisture and adhesion of dirt and mildew growth, resulting in a natural silver patina gray color.

Can I use Apple Bee Teak Shield on new teak wood?

Yes, but before using TeakShield on new teak, put the teak outside for one week. Follow the instructions for use.

How can I remove Teak Shield?

Apple Bee Teak Cleaner will remove Teak Shield. If needed, the wood can be sanded after drying.