

# KETTLE® TEAK



Teak, valued for its beauty and durability, is a dense hardwood that contains natural oils that repel water and insects and resists warping, making it ideal for outdoor furniture.

As the wood is exposed to the elements it will naturally undergo a weathering process that causes it to take on a beautiful silver-gray patina. Normal use will result in small, hairline cracks appearing in the wood; this does not detract from the quality or the life span of the wood. This is all part of the normal characteristic of teak.

## Care & Maintenance

Due to its high oil content teak furniture does not require any special maintenance or protection apart from occasional cleaning. KETTLE® recommends that you gently clean all its teak products with a cloth, sponge or soft brush, water and a mild detergent or our LIFE Teak Cleaner. Cleaning should be performed a couple times a year or as needed if something gets on the product. Always clean in the direction of the grain.

### The DON'T'S of Teak

1. Do not use a pressure washer.
2. Do not use an abrasive cleaner or cleaning tool.
3. Do not cover the product so it can "breathe" and prevent molding.
4. Do not paint or varnish as it will not adhere to the wood and will chip or peel off.
5. Do not use oils which may cause discoloration or mildew.
6. Do not push/store any chairs underneath the table as the natural oils may seep through the wood and stain it.
7. Do not store any items (i.e. placements) on the table for long periods of time as the natural oils may seep through the wood and stain it.
8. Do not apply any product to the teak the first season.



### Cleaning with LIFE Teak Cleaner

1. Before cleaning eye protection and rubber gloves should be worn. Cover the ground under your working area before cleaning.
2. First moisten the furniture with water.
3. Shake the Teak Cleaner before use.
4. Apply the Teak Cleaner with a soft cloth or sponge. Allow to soak for 3 minutes.
5. Brush the furniture clean with a soft scrubbing pad in the direction of the grain.
6. Rinse the furniture well with water.
7. To prevent food penetrating into teak treat with Teak Shield.



### Applying LIFE Teak Shield

*LIFE Teak Shield is an almost invisible shield which helps to prevent food (coffee, ketchup, red wine, olive oil, etc.) from penetrating into teak causing dirty spots.*

1. Before using the Teak Protector eye protection and rubber gloves should be worn. Cover the ground under your work area before starting.
2. Before using the Shield on dark grey teak, clean the wood with the teak cleaner. New product does not need the Shield and should wait to be used until the next season of use.
3. If cleaned wood feels rough, sand lightly before treating with Shield.
4. Make sure the teak is 100% dry and free of dust.
5. Shake for at least one minute before use. Apply Shield with a soft cloth and allow to soak for at least 10 minutes.
6. Allow to dry for 4 hours and then apply a second coat of Shield. Let the teak dry for 48 hours before exposure to moisture.
7. It is recommended that you treat your teak furniture with Shield three to four times a year.

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Our LIFE teak products are made from 100% Indonesian Legal wood (SVLK) or are FSC® certified. Look for our FSC® certified products indicated by the promotional logo indicating responsible forestry. With SVLK Certified wood, the full process of manufacturing is registered and monitored, guaranteeing the sustainability of the wood itself and the plantation. Scratches, dents, cracks, knots, are inherent to the natural product. Normal use of the product will result in small cracks appearing in the wood; this all does not detract from the quality or the life span of the table. This is part of the characteristic of and appeal of teak.

## ROBUST TEAK WOOD

Before using any maintenance product on teak you need to make sure the surface is clean and dry. You can use our specially designed LIFE **Teak Cleaner**. Do not use any aggressive detergents or high pressure cleaner. To clean more easily you can use the aluminum sponge. It is important, when using this sponge, to move directionally along the grain. To protect your teak wood product against stains and marks, we recommend refinishing the product at least three times a year.

Weather influences the robust teak wood and will slowly turn it grey. If you want to prevent this, you may use the LIFE **Teak Protector**. By using the product regularly you will get a warm brown color. Always test on a small surface before applying it to the entire product.

To protect against the weather conditions and dirt even more you can use the LIFE **Teak Shield**. This product should be used after cleaning the teak or conjunction with the Teak Protector.

**Note:** As teak wood is an natural product it has to "breathe". Do not cover teak with a protection cover to prevent moulding.



TEAK SHIELD



TEAK PROTECTOR



TEAK CLEANER

Item Number	Item Description	MSRP	Cost
0047-090	Teak Protector, 33.8oz	\$36.00	\$30.00
0047-090.8OZ	Teak Protector, 8oz	\$12.00	\$9.60
0044-090	Teak Cleaner 33.8oz	\$36.00	\$30.00
0044-090.8OZ	Teak Cleaner 8oz	\$12.00	\$9.60
0103-090	Teak Shield 33.8oz	\$36.00	\$30.00
0103-090.8OZ	Teak Shield 8oz	\$12.00	\$9.60