



ABOUT TEAK

Teak is one of the most durable materials for outdoor furniture. Tribù selects only the very best Javanese plantation wood which is harvested in accordance with the most strict environmental standards.

Over time, teak furniture which is exposed to sun and rain, will turn silver-grey. This process cannot be prevented but can be delayed by applying Teak Sealer two to three weeks after the first exposure or after having sanded the wood.

If you don't mind the silver-grey patina, we advise applying Teak Protector to new or sanded wood after two to three weeks which will apply an invisible, protective film.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Cleaning should be done preferably during cloudy weather or in the shade. Make sure your furniture is cooled down before you start.
- Beware of sensitive flooring and wear protective gloves.
- Do not use any abrasive sponges, steel brushes, wonder sponge or any abrasive/caustic cleaner.
- Do not use a high pressure cleaner nor a steamer.
- Make sure your furniture is clean and completely dry before you apply protective products.
- Storage during winter time or long absence: before storing, we recommend good cleaning and protection of your furniture. Store only in a dry, unheated and well-ventilated room and never use non-breathable plastic covers. Tribù offers custom-fit protective covers. Contact your dealer for more info.

RECOMMENDED PRODUCTS

1. Teak Super Cleaner
2. Teak Protector
3. Teak Sealer



REGULAR CLEANING

During the outdoor season, weekly cleaning can best be done by sweeping the furniture with a soft hand brush and cleaning it with mild, pH neutral soapy water and a microfiber cloth or sponge. Wipe in the direction of the wood grain.

DEEP CLEANING

- Start by brushing loose dirt from the surface with a hand brush in the direction of the grain of the wood.
- Mist the surface with some tap water, for example with a plant sprayer.
- Pour some **Teak Super Cleaner** (1) onto a clean micro fiber cloth and apply with slow movements onto the wood, dabbing over the whole surface.
- Let the cleaning agent soak for 2 to 4 minutes. In case the surface tends to dry out, you can spray some water in order to keep the cleaner activated.
- Use a soft brush or the enclosed brush pad and brush firmly in the direction of the grain.
- Let the cleaning agent soak for another minute, keeping the surface moist.
- Finally rinse the surface abundantly with clean tap water and let the furniture dry naturally.
- Occasionally teak can display an irregular pattern of discoloration. This is the result of natural teak oil coming to the surface. These stains on the wood can be removed by applying the above procedure.

PROTECTING

To protect your wood against pollution and stains, Tribù offers two products which serve different functions.

- If you prefer the silver-grey patina, we recommend to use **Teak Protector** (2).
- If you rather want to keep the brown colour longer, you can use **Teak Sealer** (3) which contains UV blocking agents and will slow down the greying process considerably.

You cannot use both products on the same surface as they are not compatible. If you want to change between them, you will have to sand down the surface first and let the teak adapt for one or two weeks. If you use your teak furniture indoors or in a veranda, it will not turn grey. You can simply use Teak Protector to protect the wood from stains.

How to apply Teak Protector

- Make sure your furniture is clean, dust-free and dry.
- Shake the bottle vigorously and pour some Teak Protector onto a clean and dry microfiber cloth. Make sure not to apply too much, it should not become sticky.
- Wipe over the surface in the direction of the grain.
- Let absorb and apply a second layer after 4 hours.
- We recommend to apply this treatment at least twice a year.
- New teak: leave the wood untreated for about two to three weeks before applying Teak Protector.

How to apply Teak Sealer

- Open the tin and stir the sealer with a clean stick.
- Dip a clean and dry microfiber cloth into the product and wipe a thin layer gently onto the teak in the direction of the grain. For areas which are difficult to reach, you can use a medium to fine paintbrush.
- The Sealer will be absorbed within the hour and a second thin and less absorbent layer can be applied.
- Remove excess sealer to prevent a sticky surface.
- We recommend to do this treatment once a year. As long as water is pearling on the surface, the sealer is still active.

REPAIRING

In case pollution or mould has infected the wood in depth or if the surface is damaged, we suggest to sand the surface until the unaffected layer appears. Always sand in the direction of the woodgrain, starting rough with grade P80 and gradually softer with grades P150 to P220. Leave the wood untreated for one or two weeks before applying a protective conditioner.

ATTENTION

- As teak is rich in natural oils, the weathering process includes oil surfacing which can cause stains on cushions. Please be aware that oil surfacing is a naturally repeating process that cannot be prevented.
- After having applied Teak Protector or Teak Sealer, protect your furniture from rain for 24 hours to avoid water stains. Do not put covers on recently treated furniture.
- Avoid dark marks from vases, pottery and plastic coasters by moving them regularly. Also avoid the use of plastic tablecloths.
- Always try to remove spillings from food or beverages, fallen leaves, berries, blossoms and bird droppings as quickly as possible to avoid stains and mould.
- Do not use varnish on your wood as it may cause wood rot, blisters or peel off, nor linseed/teak oil as it can cause irreversible damage to the teak.



- 1. C-Table side table
- 2. Hexagon coffee table
- 3. Dunes side table
- 4. Ile side table
- 5. Tairu side table
- 6. Roots side table
- 7. Lanterns
- 8. Towel rack
- 9. Illum teak table
- 10. Pure collection
- 11. Kos collection
- 12. Vis à vis collection
- 13. Mood collection
- 14. Elio collection
- 15. Pavillion daybed