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MAINTENANCE OF TEAK DECK - TECTONA GRANDIS

Why Teak ?

- Beautiful and luxurious expression
- Durable and with a long life span
- Easy to maintain
- Quick-drying
- Natural anti-slip surface - even when wet
- Doesn't get too hot in the sun
- Resistant against cracks and twisting

Due to these characteristics, teak has been the material of choice for marine use among sailors and boating people for the last 300 years.

General

Note that wood is a living material and, when not protected by the bark or artificial coating, swells and shrinks depending on surrounding environment.

The teak product is manufactured to be used out-doors during rather moist and stable conditions.

Keeping the product in a too dry environment will result in drying, tension and possible cracking.

Even though teak is the most durable of all woods and, through its natural oils, never rots - there is a small degree of maintenance required in order to avoid unwanted reactions from dust and pollution on the wood surface.

Every other time you rinse off the boat - simply wash the teak with a soft brush or sponge, EuroDesign Teak Shampoo and fresh or salt water. Try to wash across the grain. If you use any other soap, make sure it has a neutral ph-value.

To be sure the teak is treated the best way possible and to avoid situations where the warranty does not apply you should always use the EuroDesign teak shampoo.

For instructions and where to buy, please see www.eurodesign.se or email to info@eurodesign.se.

Never use any other chemicals than the ones recommended by EuroDesign. Some products can be harmful to the teak or the caulk.

NEVER use high-pressure cleaners. They will roughen the surface, blunt the features of the teak and considerably reduce the life span.

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Let-it-be (Strongly recommended)

This is the absolutely preferred way to make your teak product live long, with a minimum of work. Left alone the teak surface colour will change into silver-grey.

A very light sanding every, or every second season will keep the surface smooth and easy to clean. The original colour will then come back for some time.

An oscillating-/orbital hand sander works well. Use a very fine sand paper and be careful not to sand off too much.

Oiling

Oiling keeps the natural colour but darkens over time due to repeated layers of oil + dust and pollution.

Cleaning can be done by using a "teak-cleaner" and brushing off with fresh water. The original colour will then come back.

When oiling and using teak-cleaners; follow manufacturer's instructions carefully and try on a small area first. Some solvents can affect the caulking adhesive.

Waxing

Wax is more resistant against water than oil, but should never be used on the deck, only for tables and accessories.

Use an appropriate wax after the teak have been cleaned.

Apply 1 – 2 times / year.

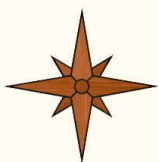
Finishing the surface

By varnishing the teak you minimize future maintenance, but lose some of the unique teak features. Caulked teak products cannot be varnished.

A varnished teak product may get slippery - which is the most important to consider when thinking of varnishing.

If not using water-based varnish, follow manufacturer's instructions and try on a small area first. Some solvents can affect the caulking adhesive.

* Note : Any usage of chemicals and/or artificial treatment on EuroDesign products will be on the responsibility of the user.



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