

# ROYAL TEAK COLLECTION CARE INSTRUCTIONS

## TEAK

### RTC Teak Facts:

- Kiln Dried
- Mortise and Tenon Joints for a tight fit
- Stainless Steel Hardware
- Guaranteed Plantation Wood

### What Happens to Teak

As the teak oils come out of the wood and mix with weather elements, spills, dew, etc. it can form a mold/mildew that can be easily cleaned with a Teak Cleaner.

Over time teak will develop hairline cracks or what is known as “checking”. These will smooth themselves out as the wood ages. They can be lightly sanded with sandpaper to smooth them out faster.

Teak naturally turns to a silver-grey if left untreated. Moist climates will cause the teak to grey faster than in drier climates. To bring teak back to its natural finish use a teak cleaner to restore the color and then a teak sealer to preserve it.

### How to regularly clean my teak?

Regularly cleaning your teak will help lengthen the life of your teak furniture. Using fresh water, hose down your teak and then wipe down with a clean cloth. Let completely dry before next use.

Sometimes it may be necessary for a more thorough cleaning. For this we recommend using our Royal Teak Collection Teak Cleaner. This will help rid of more difficult stains. First, hose down teak with fresh water. Then using our Teak Cleaner spray or wipe it directly onto the furniture. Then use a clean cloth or soft bristle brush to scrub the furniture thoroughly. Once finished you should rinse the entire piece of furniture again with fresh water and let dry

before next use. Keep in mind using the Teak Cleaner will restore the color from the silver-grey back to a more natural look.

## Teak Cleaner

- Water based
- Cleans and brightens Teak
- 1 Bottle will cover 1 Dining Table and 8-10 Chairs

### Using Teak Cleaner

- Cover anything that is not teak first as Teak Cleaner could affect it
- Spray or wipe cleaner directly on teak
- Wipe down
- Some areas may require more scrubbing than others to fully clean

## Why does teak turn grey and can I prevent this?

Over time if left untreated teak will turn in a silvery-grey color. This is a completely natural process caused by the sunlight drying out the outer layer of teak. As it dries out it will oxidize and begin to fade and change colors within a few weeks. This is purely cosmetic and does not change the integrity of the teak.

To prevent teak from greying, simply use a Teak Sealer. Our Teak Sealer will seal the teak preventing the natural weathering process of teak to occur, allowing it to stay its natural golden-honey color. Depending on the climate our Teak Sealer should be applied every 1-2 years.

## Teak Sealer

- Gives a layer of UV protection to Teak
- Prevents mildew growth
- Will prevent Teak from turning into silver-grey color
- 1 Bottle will cover 1 Dining Table and 8-10 Chairs

### Using Teak Sealer

- Cover anything that you do not want to get sealer on
- Wipe off the teak with a clean cloth before applying any sealer
- Spray or rub on with cloth

- Cover the teak thoroughly with sealer
- Let dry thoroughly before use

## Can I pressure wash my teak furniture?

Yes you can pressure wash your teak furniture. Pressure washing is most effective on teak that has been left untreated and you would like to bring it back to its original color. See our recommendations below on pressure washing your teak.

## Pressure Washing Teak

- Use on a low setting and PSI
- Use a wide spray nozzle
- Spray at an angle around 40 degrees
- Use even long, strokes keeping the nozzle around 12" from the teak's surface
- After finished, sand to smooth out the teak.

## Why do I see black dots on my new teak?

It is perfectly common to see black dots on your teak furniture, especially when it is new. As the teak oil escapes the wood, it can mix with foreign substances such as dirt, food, or moisture and cause it to mildew. This occurs on the surface of the teak and is no cause for concern. Simply follow our recommended cleaning instructions to rid of the spots.

## Should I oil my teak furniture?

We do not recommend oiling teak furniture. Our Grade A Teak is naturally filled with plenty of teak oil. Most oils you that are marketed as teak oil are made from linseed oil or tung oil. These are not as effective and do not mix well with the natural teak oil from Grade A Teak. To keep your teak bright and looking brand new we recommend using our Teak Cleaner to clean and brighten and then sealing the teak with our Teak Sealer.

# SLING

## Sling Facts

- Woven from durable, resilient PVC-coated polyester yarns
- Extremely strong and durable
- Very little stretch so it will not sag or tear under pressure
- PVC coating allows the sling to withstand the elements, be water resistant, and withstand UV rays
- Extremely breathable allowing for quick drying

## Sling Maintenance

Sling is extremely durable and perfect to leave outdoors. The only time you would need to store your furniture with sling would be in freezing temperatures, as this can damage the sling. Regular care of sling consists of hosing down and storing in extreme temperatures. Other than that, if properly used, your sling will last a very long time.

Although our sling does have UV Protection, it is completely normal throughout the life of sling for it to fade slightly. Also, avoid direct contact to sling with oil based products such as sunscreen as it can cause accelerated aging of the sling.

## Cleaning Sling

When regularly cleaning your sling it is always best to use a cleaning solution. We recommend 1 tbsp of dish detergent and 2 tbsp of household bleach mixed with a gallon of water.

Clean the fabric with a sponge or soft cloth dipped into the solution. Do not pour the solution directly on the fabric. Once cleaned, rinse thoroughly with clean water and let air dry.

If sling is stained it is best to clean it right away. Depending on the stain will depend on the solution used to fight the stain. Please refer to the guide on which solutions to use when cleaning stains.

**Type of Stains****Cleaning Instructions**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coffee or Tea</li><li>• Cola</li><li>• Grape Juice</li><li>• Ketchup or Mustard</li><li>• Kool-Aid</li><li>• Milk</li><li>• Raw Egg</li><li>• Bird Droppings</li></ul>                                                    | Combine 1/4 cup (60 mL) dishwashing liquid per gallon (3.8 L) of water.                                                                           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beer</li><li>• Food Coloring</li><li>• Urine</li><li>• Vomit</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                    | Combine 1/4 cup (60 mL) dishwashing liquid and 1/3 cup (80 mL) white vinegar per gallon (3.8 L) of water.                                         |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Butter</li><li>• Grease</li><li>• Liquid Shoe Polish</li><li>• Oil</li><li>• Paint (Wet/Dried – latex, oil, lacquer)</li><li>• Salad Dressing</li><li>• Suntan Lotion</li><li>• Tomato Juice</li><li>• Tree Sap</li></ul> | Apply cornstarch to absorb as much as possible, remove excess with a straight edge and clean remaining residue with dishwashing liquid and water. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charcoal</li><li>• Pencil Marks</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                 | Vacuum to remove any loose dust, and then clean with 1/4 cup (60 mL) dishwashing liquid per gallon (3.8 L) of water.                              |

# CUSHIONS

## Cushion Facts

- Royal Teak Collection uses only Sunbrella Fabrics for our deep seating
- Fade and UV resistant
- Fibers are dyed all the way through to retain rich colors over time
- Made to resist mold and mildew build up
- Engineered to resist stain and water

## Cushion Maintenance

Made from only the best quality materials, maintenance of our deep seating cushions is made easy. Our cushions can be left out in the sun or rain, but should be stored away during extremely cold or freezing weather. Regular cleaning is required to prevent dirt from building up or embedding in the fabrics.

If left out in heavy rainfall, cushions can become saturate with water. This happens and is no cause for concern. Just unzip the cushion stand it on the corner with the zipper facing down. This will allow the water to properly drain from the cushion. If this is done in direct sunlight, it should dry within 24-48 hours.

## Cleaning Cushions

To keep from dirt buildup or embedment you should clean your cushions regularly. The best way to clean is with  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup mild natural soap per gallon of water and a sponge or soft bristle brush. Once cleaned thoroughly to remove all soap residue, let air dry before next use.

For harder to clean stains you can refer to the guide from Sunbrella. Let completely air dry and repeat these steps if necessary.