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Care of Teak

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the properties of teak?

Teak is a deciduous hardwood tree from managed plantations; it does not come from tropical rainforests. Teak has a naturally high oil content, making it stable and resistant to rotting when exposed to climatic extremes. For centuries these unique qualities have made teak the preferred choice for marine decking and construction; hence it is considered the premium timber for outdoor furniture. Teak wood will naturally weather from golden brown to a silver-grey patina colour.

What is rustic teak?

The Titan range incorporates “Rustic Teak”, which is laminated and includes a beautiful wild grain pattern and will also have knots that give it a rugged farmhouse appeal. Rustic teak wood is a natural product that will react with the outdoor elements and look more rustic as the product ages. The laminated wood will start to part, and the wood will turn a lovely shade of silver. This is its natural course.



What is a FLEGT licence?

Our teak products are made of FLEGT-licensed wood from Indonesia. The legality of the wood is assured through Indonesia’s national timber legality assurance system, SVLK, a mandatory legality and sustainability certification system, and the FLEGT licensing scheme. FLEGT licences show that a country manages its forests according to forest management and environment laws and labour and community welfare legislation. FLEGT licences show that logging rights have been granted according to the law and that timber is legally harvested. The licences also confirm that products comply with legal requirements for trade and export and that required taxes and fees are paid. FLEGT licensed wood is considered to comply with the EU Timber Regulation fully. Customers who place our FLEGT-licensed timber products on the EU market do not need to undertake further due diligence.

For further information on

SVLK [The Indonesian Timber Legality Assurance System](#)

FLEGT [FLEGT Licenced Timber Essential Information](#)



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What is the teak weathering process?

Over time in an outdoor environment, untreated teak furniture exposed to the sun will turn a beautiful silver-grey colour. The length of time this takes will vary with climatic conditions. Not only is it common for a teak bench, chair, or table to last 70 years standing out in the elements, it is also common to pass down such furniture to future generations as an heirloom.



Sissinghurst Seat (1SI) – weathered



Titan Bench 200 (1TI20) - weathered (1TI20)

Why do occasional cracks appear on my furniture?

Teak is a natural material, and as such fine cracks in the end grain of components, e.g., legs and arms, may appear and then disappear with variations in the weather and the consequent change in the moisture content of the wood. Such fine cracks are expected, especially in heavier components, and will not affect the life or serviceability of your furniture.

Do I need to store my furniture during the winter?

No, Barlow Tyrie teak furniture can be left outdoors, uncovered, all year round. If you choose to cover your furniture outdoors during the winter, you should use a material that allows the wood to breathe. Optional furniture covers and storage bags are available.



Monterey Armchair (1MTA.401) and Cover (400111)



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Do I need to oil my teak furniture?

Treating with teak oil or other preservatives is not necessary; it will not extend the life of your furniture and is purely cosmetic. We do not recommend oiling your furniture.

Will the metal fittings on my furniture last as long as the teak?

We only use the best marine quality solid brass and stainless steel on our furniture. With due care and attention, these should last as long as the teak.



Horizon Carver with a Titanium Sling
(1HO CF.502)

Not Just Teak Furniture

Alongside our teak furniture, we also have other stylish teak items. The sleek Aura planters with teak accents (below left - 65 model shown, 3AUP65.01 other sizes available), storage chest 150 (below middle - 3SC14), and the modern geometric Luna Lantern (bottom right - 3LL). All made with high-quality teak, they offer stylish additions to your outdoor living.








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Care Products


Special care products are available to maintain the beauty of your Barlow Tyrie furniture. We recommend you use the following care products for teak furniture. Care products are available from your Barlow Tyrie Stockist.

Name	Product code	Description	Quantity
Teak Cleaner 	4TC	Teak Cleaner cleans and restores discoloured, dark grey teak. Contains brightener ingredients that will restore teak to its original colour. Supplied with its own special applicator pad.	1 litre / 33 fl oz
Teak Colour Guard 	4TCG	Teak Colour Guard helps maintain the golden-brown colour of new teak. Supplied with its own special applicator pad.	1 litre / 33 fl oz
Teak Oil 	4TO	Teak Oil is the traditional method of retaining the original colour of new teak. However, its repeated application will make the teak much darker in colour, and for this reason, we do not recommend its repeated use.	500 ml / 16.5 fl oz



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<p>Teak Stain Guard</p> 	<p>4TSG</p>	<p>Teak Stain Guard forms an invisible layer to protect your teak from everyday stains such as butter, oil, and red wine, making cleaning accidental spills easy. Supplied with its own special applicator pad.</p>	<p>1 litre / 33 fl oz</p>
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Our discontinued Ascot folding table, which has had an application of our Teak Colour Guard (4TCG) applied. View our 'How to Transform Weathered Teak Furniture'

Product Care Videos

Our product care videos and informative care sheets help you keep your furniture in pristine condition.

[How to Transform Weathered Teak Furniture](#)

[How to Clean Teak Garden Furniture](#)





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Repair & Maintenance Queries

UK and Europe – Please contact customer service via uksales@teak.com

USA – Please contact customer service via usasales@teak.com

Before carrying out any repair to your Barlow Tyrie furniture, please read our terms, conditions and warranty.

Your Barlow Tyrie Stockist

You can search for your local Barlow Tyrie Stockist using this link [nearest stockist](#).



Layout Table 200 (2LY20.14) and Layout 130 Bench. Both feature a powder coated 316 marine grade stainless steel frame in Forge Grey with a teak tabletop and seat