

# ABIDE

## I N T E R I O R S

### PRODUCT CARE GUIDE

#### TEAK WOOD (OUTDOOR)

Abide Interiors' Outdoor Teak products are hand-crafted from high-grade solid Teak wood to withstand the harsh Australian elements. High-grade Teak wood contains a high-oil content which provides a natural lubricant to assist in the prevention of cracking and splitting. Your Outdoor Teak wood products feature a fine sanded, raw finish. If necessary, our fine-sanded finish products can be refinished with Golden Care Teak Protector which is available on our website. This product helps to protect the wood and assists in maintaining an "as new" finish.

#### REGULAR CARE:

For regular dusting/cleaning, use a soft, damp cloth. For cleaning or in case of a spill, use a damp cloth and a mild detergent and wipe up immediately. Wipe in the direction of the grain. Do not use cleaners containing harsh chemicals. Dry with a soft, clean cloth to prevent spotting. We always recommend protecting surfaces with coasters, or placemats as extreme and repetitive daily use or heat can damage the finish. Always move objects such as flowerpots, vases etc from time to time, and ensure any excess water or dampness is wiped dry immediately to prevent marking the surface.

#### REFRESHING THE SURFACE:

To refresh your furniture or to remove superficial stains we recommend Golden Care Teak Cleaner. This product is specifically designed to kill mould and mildew spores inside Teak. If necessary a light sand can remove discolouration and light stains before the application of a product like Golden Care Teak Shield or Teak Protector.

#### CARE INSTRUCTIONS:

We advise the following:

- Wipe regularly using a soft damp cloth.
- For a more thorough cleaning, use mild soap and warm water. Rinse with clean water and wipe dry.
- Do not use steel wool, mineral acid, bleach or chlorine cleaners.
- Do not drag the furniture along the floor, as it might damage the protective coating, or leave permanent marks on the floor. Always lift the furniture when moving from place to place.
- We recommend the use of covers for outdoor Teak furniture to keep the items clean and prolong the need for re-coating with a product like Teak Shield or Teak Protector.

#### HOW TO BUY GOLDEN CARE TEAK CARE PRODUCTS:

To purchase - please see the links from our website.

**Teak Cleaner** is a cleaner and brightener in one. This product cleans and restores discoloured, dirty, dark grey and/or green Teak. <https://abideinteriors.com.au/product/golden-care-teak-cleaner/>

**Teak Protector** maintains the original, honey brown colour of Teak for a very long time.

<https://abideinteriors.com.au/product/golden-care-teak-protector/>

**Teak Shield** makes Teak repellent to water and moisture. It also helps to prevent stains caused by food and drinks.

<https://abideinteriors.com.au/product/golden-care-teak-shield/>

#### PRODUCT EXPECTATIONS:

All Abide Interior pieces are handcrafted to the highest standards from sustainably sourced materials. Although best efforts have been undertaken to dry and acclimatise our furniture, it is a natural product and therefore susceptible to fluctuating temperatures and pressures. Timber may change colour, split, crack or bow due to humidity levels and

changes in air temperature, this should be expected and is not considered a fault or flaw and will not compromise the structural integrity of your furniture.

However, whilst your outdoor Teak furniture might come to look rough and weathered, high-grade Teak has enough natural Teak oil inside to keep it protected from rot. Therefore rough Teak is a cosmetic problem, not a structural problem.

Natural variations exist in wood, including knots, cracks, colour, and grain. These are unique to every tree and piece of timber, and therefore furniture. These are not considered faults but serve to make each and every piece individual and add to it's characteristics and charm.

Please consult the following guide for which Golden Care product to use to achieve the desired look/outcome.

