

# VISTA COLLECTION Teak Care & Maintenance

Congratulations on your new purchase. We recommend new outdoor furniture be out in the environment for the first 10 days without applying any kind of treatment. This ensures some of the natural oil from the teak comes out and opens the pores in the wood.

# What to DO with your TEAK

**Do** clean teak gently using water and mild detergent for regular cleaning. Do clean using cloth, sponge, or soft brush.

Do use ONLY WATER BASE Teak products once or twice a year for best results.

**Do** use 320 grit abrasive sandpaper to remove surface scratches or marks that otherwise cannot be cleaned.

**Do** always sand in the same direction as the wood grain, never across the timber grain.

# What to NOT DO with your TEAK

Do Not use a pressure washer on teak furniture.

**Do Not** use stiff or wire brush, or steel wool. This may remove the softer part of the grain, and leave unwanted textured surface, and steel may stain the teak with rust spots.

**Do Not** use bleach as this will discolor the timber.

**Do Not** apply paints, oils, varnishes, or stains. Use only water-based sealers and protectors.

## **Care Instructions**

### **CLEANING TEAK**

- Clean with a soft-bristle brush and soapy water to remove accumulated dirt.
- For tough stains and mildew add one part household bleach to two parts water in the soap solution. Rinse well with clean water after washing.
- Avoid pressure washers and steel wool.
- Teak that has not been cleaned after a few years can turn dark grey or black. A highly concentrated teak cleaner will be required to remove the accumulated buildup and return the teak to its natural color.

#### **PROTECTING TEAK**

- To preserve teak's golden color, apply a quality water-based teak protector that defends against stains and the effects of prolonged sun exposure.
- For best results, apply teak protector twice a year, preferably after the teak has been cleaned and dried.