



**FLEGT**

## **Characteristics and care instructions for teak**

You have acquired a natural and unique teak product.

Teak is a deciduous hardwood tree from the highlands of Southeast Asia; it does not come from tropical rainforests. Teakwood has naturally a high oil content, which makes it both stable and resistant to rotting when exposed to climatic extremes. For centuries, this special quality has made teakwood the preferred choice for marine decking and construction and makes it the premium timber for outdoor furniture. Our products are made of FLEGT-licensed timber from Indonesia.

The legality of the timber in our products is assured through Indonesia's national timber legality assurance system (V-legal) and the EU-backed FLEGT licensing scheme.

Every piece of furniture has its own character and structure. Small inlays can be used to fill up minor existing imperfections and give the product a naturally aged look. For clarification please see reverse side with some images to show their appearance.

Teakwood is a natural material and fine cracks in the end grain of components, e.g. legs and laminated tops, may appear due to changes in temperature and humidity and the consequent change in moisture content of the wood. Small fissures will open in the end grain, this is known as checking. This is normal, especially in heavier components and it will not affect the serviceability of your furniture.

Teak furniture does not require any special maintenance routine or any additional protection apart from occasional cleaning. Left to age naturally outside, teak will gradually change from its original colour to a soft, silver-grey as the pigments in the surface layer of the wood begin to fade away. We recommend that you allow your teak furniture to weather naturally this way and simply clean thoroughly once or twice a year with Teak Cleaner to remove accumulated dirt.

Under no circumstances should a power washer be used to clean your product.

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.

If you intend to store your furniture over the winter, we recommend that you do so in a watertight garden shed or garage. However, we advise that you do not move teak furniture from the garden straight into a heated indoor room for storage, as the sharp differences in temperature and humidity may cause the wood to split.