

## About our TEAK

Our loveTEAK shower bench is made of FSC certified, grade A teak wood. The FSC certification guarantees that the wood is harvested from sustainable plantations where these trees are then replaced with new plantings. The FSC certification is considered the "gold standard" designation for wood harvested from plantations that are responsibly managed and environmentally conscious.

Due to the high oil content in teak, this dense grained hardwood, also known by its Latin name as *Tectona Grandis*, is one of the most durable woods. Impervious to the effects of snow, rain, sun and ice; it has for centuries withstood the test of time when used as key components in shipbuilding. The high level of resinous oil and rubber content in teak also acts as a natural parasite repellent making it virtually immune to rotting. Anything made of teak, with proper construction, is an heirloom and will last you for generations without any special treatment.

Our teak furniture is delivered in its natural state: it has not been bleached, oiled, or painted in any way. The appearance of oil on the surface of teak is normal. When left untreated, teak will gracefully weather to a beautiful silver gray color. We recommend that you allow your teak furniture to weather naturally. If you wish for your teak to remain its golden color you can apply teak oil. Teak oil will NOT extend the longevity of your furniture. In addition, please note that once you apply teak oil it creates a maintenance program and needs to be reapplied season after season.

All of our teak has been kiln dried before it is processed and that can sometimes lead to a reddish hue. This discoloration will disappear within a few days when coming into contact with sunlight. Fine hairline cracks may appear, this is normal and in no way affects the stability or durability of your furniture.

### TEAK CARE

Prior to first use, wipe down your teak bench to remove any dust. If you have a light colored surface, teak dust may leave a stain that can be removed after washing.

After the first few exposures to water, expect the color to change and the grain to rise slightly. This does not affect the longevity of your bench.

While teak requires no special coating when left outdoors, as with anything left outside or in the shower, it will accumulate dirt or soap residue. We recommend washing your teak with warm soapy water as well as a brush to remove dust, accumulated dirt or soap as needed.