



Naturally fair – Where does our teakwood actually come from?

Quite often, we are justifiably asked where our teakwood comes from. Does such an exotic and tropical wood really fit in with Weishäupl? After all – in the interest of our customers and the environment – we are dedicated to sustainability. In order to stay true to these values with regard to teak, we source this fine material exclusively from controlled cultivation on Java.

The island nation has entered into a partnership agreement with the EU Commission under the EU Timber Trade Regulation: the so-called FLEGT licensing system. When a FLEGT license is issued this means that the approval authority of the partner country confirms that the exported wood products are legal and of sustainable origin, and that these products meet the due diligence obligations stipulated in the EU Timber Trade Regulation. “Our” plantations are managed by the state-owned enterprises precisely in accordance with this regulation.

This means that both we and you can be sure that only impeccable teakwood is procured. In addition, in Germany this is monitored by the Federal Agency for Agriculture and Food (BLE). All of our suppliers must be part of this system; our corporate values do not allow any compromises in this regard. From our perspective this monitoring system is much more transparent than private-sector certification systems. So enjoy your Weishäupl teak furniture in good conscience.

Care

What should I look out for when using the product for the first time?

We make every effort to pre-clean teak as much as possible. However, it is always recommended to give it a wipe with a damp cloth and clean it before first use and before placing cushions on the product. Teak dust can stick to clothing but can be easily removed by brushing it off or cleaning normally. Teak dust in conjunction with water (e.g. rain) can leave spots which can only be removed with a damp cloth.

Wood and rain

After the first heavy rainfall, the wood often does not feel as smooth and sleek as before. Small wood fibres stand up and produce a slightly raw feel, which neither reduces the quality nor provides grounds for complaint. You can easily remove these fibres by using the grinding fleece we provide. When the wood dries, gently brush the fleece against your furniture in the direction of the wood and repeat the process as needed. This allows you to restore the velvety wood surface which makes your furniture so unique with little effort. After that, remove the teak dust produced with a damp cloth. Repeat this process as needed.

Care

Weishäupl furniture and parasols are made using only the best materials. They are made to last through summer, winter, rain and snow — with no traces of seasons left behind. In order for our furniture and parasols to look good for years, we recommend caring for them regularly. With regards to the lifespan of the woods we use, you generally don't need a surface protector. However, with tabletops there is the option of treating the surfaces with hard oil for aesthetic purposes (you can oil the top and bottom sides of tabletops). The oil also makes it harder for food leftovers, particularly grease and strongly pigmented liquids, to permeate into the wood. Even so, we recommend removing any residual stains as quickly as possible. Treating our furniture with oil is a question of personal preference, as it will intensify the colour of the wood, making it darker and more reddish. Keep in mind that only certain oils are suitable for treating wood outdoors. We recommend using hard oil made from natural ingredients, such as flaxseed oil — which is a part of our care set.

Not every wood preserver offered by retailers is suitable for the woods we use outdoors. Unsuitable substances can cause fungal and spore infestations, which often clog surface pores as a secondary effect. The wood surfaces should not be treated too frequently either, as the smaller pores can become clogged. As a result, the wood can no longer breathe and this may lead to mould spots. Unlike most other woods, teak is naturally suited to use outdoors. Surface contamination caused by the environment such as pollen and soot can be removed by occasional treatment with water, a brush and neutral soap. We recommend our wood-cleaning set which contains all the necessary items you need to remove stubborn dirt. If you place our furniture indoors, we recommend using hard wax.

Our wood-brightener set helps give strongly greyed, mossy and unoiled wood its original look back. The cleaning method is based on the 'peeling effect', which is also used in the field of cosmetics. Using natural fruit acids that contain no aggressive chemicals, wood surface particles destroyed by UV rays and dirt can be loosened and subsequently washed away with water. As a result, wood appears in its almost natural and original quality and colour. Healthy wood is not affected by the 'peeling'. After drying the surface, it should be smoothed with our grinding fleece and, if necessary, treated with hard oil.

The oil/wax solvent set is used to thoroughly clean wood surfaces that have been oiled or waxed. This two-component system, consisting of a pre-cleaner A and a thorough cleaner B, allows both existing oil or wax layers to be removed and for the original character of the wood to be revived. We recommend this system if oils or waxes applied are only partially present and residue is to be removed or if thorough cleaning is desired before reapplication. Detailed information for the treatment process is enclosed with the oil/wax solvent set.

Wood colour

Fast-growing (juvenile) teak from plantation cultivation can initially produce different surface colourations. The colouring is the result of a chemical reaction that often occurs during felling due to oxidation or during technical drying. However, within a few days in the sunlight, the UV radiation balances out the reaction between the contents of the teak and oxygen, resulting in the desired homogeneous surface.



Discoloured teak



After 3 days in the sunlight