

# EuroDesign

## Wood Engineering

### MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS OF EURODESIGN TEAK TABLES

#### **Note!**

Teak wood is a live material that shrinks and expand depending on weather conditions. When the table becomes wet from rain etc. it will expand and when it dries it will shrink. If the table expands or shrinks on the top side only it will bend and eventually small cracks will occur.

#### **Natural Tables**

A natural solid teak table should be covered or taken inside while not in use. A solid natural table is not suitable to be left in the rain and sun. Natural tables will also turn grey already after a few months of weather exposure.

#### **Coated Tables**

A coated teak table is protected from the water to penetrate but only for when in use. The midday heat in hot areas can create small cracks in the varnish where seams are expanding. You don't see the small cracks at first but the water will eventually penetrate and destroy the table. A varnished table is more UV resistant and will keep its look if it's taken care of.

#### **Tables Suitable for Outdoor Use**

Tables that we recommend for outdoor use are tables with caulk or space between the slats. These constructions allows the wood to shrink and expand. However, there is no guarantee that small cracks will not occur, so we recommend to cover the table while not in use. Doing so will also prevent it from turning grey and extend the new teak look.

#### **How to Cover a Table**

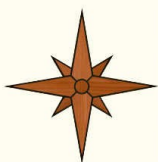
A cover should be designed to not only cover the table completely but also leave some space between the table and the cover to allow the air to flow. If not, the water and moist will be trapped inside. You can use a triangle shaped teak piece between the fabric and the table for air flow.

#### **Maintenance of a Natural Table**

If a table becomes wet, make sure to wipe it of immediately. On a regular basis use a suitable teak shampoo and a soft sponge to remove spots and dirt. Make sure to re-wax the table if it's waxed. A good Beeswax contains natural UV and can extend the new teak look. Eventually the table will turn grey after sun exposure but then you can sand the table with a fine grain sand paper.

#### **Maintenance of a Coated Table**

If a table becomes wet make sure to wipe it of immediately. On a regular basis clean the table with soap and sponge. A varnished table is not so easy to fix if cracks appears. In that case you need to sand it off completely and re-varnish. To avoid that, the table needs to be under a roof, covered or indoor while not in use.



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