

*Congratulations on your purchase of marlanteak outdoor furniture. We trust it will provide you with many years of exceptional comfort and service. Take a few minutes to read through the relevant sections of this care instruction sheet to find out how you can maximise the lifespan of your investment and keep it looking great for generations to come.*

## **TEAK**

**CLASSIC TEAK, TRIBU, KINGS QUEENS&GENERALS, GLOSTER**

**Ranges: Classic, Pure, Casual, Mood, Kings,Queens and Generals, Square, Natal Teak**

The durability of high quality teak, combined with its aesthetic properties, make it the ideal timber for outdoor use.

Due to teak's characteristics, particularly its high natural oil content, your furniture does not require any special treatment or oiling to protect it or extend its lifespan. Small surface cracks may appear which are due to the changes in seasons and the wood releasing or drawing in moisture from the atmosphere. They will not affect the strength or durability of the furniture. However, there are basic care guidelines you are advised to follow to ensure your teak furniture always looks its best.

### **COLOURING & WEATHERING OF TEAK**

As teak is a natural product, you will find variations in the colour and tone when your furniture is new.

On exposure to sunlight, colour variations steadily even out and your furniture will eventually weather to an elegant silvery grey. To maintain this colour we recommend that your furniture is hosed down or wiped with a damp cloth on a regular basis. This prevents dust and pollution from penetrating deep into the grain and over time turning the wood a duller, darker grey rather than the beautiful silver colour for which it is well-known.

Combining this regular maintenance with a thorough clean two to three times a year should keep your furniture looking its best.

### **CLEANING**

A soft-bristled brush and a mild soap, such as shavings from a bar of green Sunlight soap, diluted in warm water, is recommended for cleaning your furniture.

Do not use any harsh detergents such as dishwashing liquid.

The item of furniture should be wet first before cleaning. Give it a gentle scrub, with the grain. Be careful not to scrub too hard as this can remove soft grain from the timber. If your furniture is particularly dirty, clean it gently a number of times rather than scrubbing it vigorously.

marlanteak also offers specialist teak cleaning products, as well as a cleaning service (see below). Please feel free to contact us should you need any information with regards to cleaning your furniture.

### **TREATMENT OF STAINS**

New or un-weathered teak is more susceptible to staining.

Watermarks are easily dealt with: Simply wet the tables thoroughly, wipe off excess water and the marks should disappear when the table dries.

Stains caused by spills from wine, salad dressing, marinades, etc. should be removed with hot soapy water as soon as possible – always wet the whole table/item of furniture first. Once the item has dried, remaining marks can be lightly sanded with fine sandpaper (always sand with the grain).

You will find that the sun and the weathering process eventually bleach marks out. Once weathered, your furniture will also become less susceptible to staining.

### POSITION OF FURNITURE

Despite its durability, full exposure to harsh sun, all day, will take its toll on your furniture.

The ideal position for your teak furniture is in an area which is exposed to either morning or afternoon sun.

If your furniture is not directly exposed to sun (e.g. on a covered veranda) it will not weather. As a result of this, your furniture is more susceptible to staining. To protect your table, you can use a cloth and/or coasters and wipe down your table as marks occur. An alternative solution is to oil your furniture. Envirotouch oils will protect your furniture against stains and marks; however it will also darken the colour of the timber. See more information on oiling below.

### OILING

Due to the high oil content of marlanteak furniture we do not recommend oiling, except where furniture is on a covered veranda or is exposed to very little weather.

Oiling is high maintenance and because of the harsh South African sun, has to be repeated regularly. However, if for cosmetic reasons (i.e. you prefer the honey brown colour of oiled timber) or you are concerned about stains we recommend the use of Envirotouch oils.

marlanteak can supply these oils and all oiling instructions.

There are a number of important points to remember if you choose to oil your furniture:

- **Weathered furniture cannot be oiled**
- **Once furniture has been oiled, it needs to be re-oiled regularly. This involves cleaning and preparing the timber prior to re-oiling.**

Please feel free to contact our office if you need any further information with regards to oiling.

### FOLDING CHAIRS

The bolts on folding chairs should be checked and tightened as necessary.

Care should be taken not to over-tighten bolts and to tighten bolts evenly from both sides. This should ensure that bolts do not come loose and place strain on other parts of the chair.

### CLEANING & MAINTENANCE SERVICE

marlanteak offers a cleaning and maintenance service for teak outdoor furniture purchased from us.

Should you require this service you are advised to contact us well in advance as availability is dependent on our delivery schedule.

We are unable to offer cleaning services during the months of October, November and December.

### **GUARANTEES AND REPAIRS**

All items from the Classic Teak range are guaranteed for five years, whereas all Kettal, Tribu , Gloster, Rausch and Roda furniture is guaranteed for two years against defects/manufacturing faults. Please keep your invoice for guarantee purposes.

We will happily repair or, if necessary, replace items under guarantee. Defective items need to be returned to our head office in Cape Town for the necessary repairs to be effected. All transport cost are the client's responsibility. Where items have been damaged due to misuse, negligence or other causes, such as wind damage, repairs will be charged for.