

Teak Cleaning and Maintenance Instructions

While teak is naturally resistant to bacteria and mildew, you may still see a build up of soap residue and mineral or other impurities from your water. Therefore Teakworks4u strongly recommends performing routine cleanings when you clean your shower or bathroom. A deep clean is recommended depending on use, re-arrangement and shampoo or cleanser use to keep your piece looking new. It is also recommended to clean the underside of your mat and the surface that your mat is placed on as well. Just lift the mat up and remove any soap scum and debris. Allow to dry. Remember that teak has a slip-resistant surface, but a soapy build-up can compromise this, so it's important to clean it off regularly.

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Cleaning can be done in your shower or outdoors if you want to move everything out there for more room.

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For a quick cleaning, simply apply water with a soft bristle brush in the shower area and lightly scrub the teak surface with a soft bristle brush. Then rinse the teak surface with clean water and wipe dry.

For a deep cleaning, We recommend a commercial teak cleaner to remove any mildew or discolorations that have accumulated. These cleaners won't strip the wood of its natural oils and non-slip characteristics. Teak cleaners are available from a variety of sources including boating supply stores, home centers or directly from Teakworks4u ([Teak Cleaning Kit, Order No. TC-DELUX](#))

Steps:

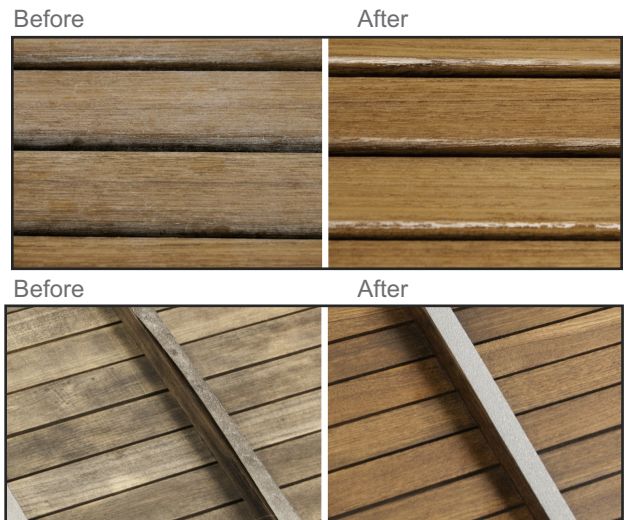
- Apply the cleaning solution to your teak liberally and allow the cleaning solution 1-2 minutes working time to soak in
- Next use a soft bristle brush to scrub the teak surface and loosen deeply imbedded soap scum and debris, then spray with clean water.
- If necessary completely clean and disinfect several times.
- Finally allow the teak to dry completely
- Apply a factory fresh coat of the same teak oil we use on all our products ([Order No. TO-8](#)), and your teak surface is as good as new.

If you would like to restore your teak to its original finish, it can be done by lightly sanding the piece using commercial grade sandpaper. An 80 grit sandpaper is recommended to start with and moving up in grit as desired. You will begin to notice the original teak color restored. Then remove any dust and apply teak oil to the surface.

Replacing the Rubber Footing on your Mat or Bench

As with anything, over time, the rubber footing on your teak mat or bench will wear or deteriorate. Wear will depend on use, re-arrangement and shampoo or cleanser use. For safety's sake you should inspect the rubber footing on your mat or bench each time you clean or re-oil it. Absolutely inspect it if you start sensing any slip-page or movement.

Teakworks4u uses premium 1" wide strips that have a "PSA" peel off backing. The non-slip rubberized strip is applied to the 3/4" bottom supports (feet) of the mat. Some trimming is required. Teakworks4u offers a kit is available in two sizes based on the size of the mat you're maintaining. The small kit is for mats under 36" x 30" and the large kit is for mats over 36" x 30". ([Order No. TMK-1KIT](#))



Pictured is the front and backside of the same mat. The mat was restored with a deep cleaning using the Teak Cleaning Kit. The results are amazing!



If your mat is showing white soap scum and signs of graying, a quick cleaning will solve this problem.



If by any chance your mat gets to the point of the one pictured above, not to worry; a deep cleaning and some additional maintenance will restore your piece to its original finish.