

SEMCO TEAK SEALER INSTRUCTIONS

SEMCO TEAK SEALER – for Outdoor Teak Furniture Preservation

Initial Application - If you wish to preserve the natural color of new teak then seal your teak furniture with Semco Teak Sealer. Available in either Honeytone or Classic Brown shades.

When Semco Teak Sealer is properly applied to teak and it has had two weeks to weather, the wood will look as if it has nothing on it, yet it will not turn gray or support the growth of mildew. Surface soil can be washed away with mild detergent, and with seasonal recoating the teak will be preserved in its natural state for many years.

Previously sealed teak should be resealed on an occasional basis to compensate for traffic and environmental wear and tear. The length of time that the finish lasts is more a function of wear and tear than of time. Typically, once a year is sufficient for residential applications away from salt air. Commercial applications may require twice a year recoating. When the color fades and water dashed on the surface soaks right in, it is time to recoat.

Detailed Sealing Instructions:

1. Be sure the wood has weathered two weeks or has been washed and is completely dry before sealing.
2. Apply the sealer using a plastic spray bottle, foam brush or rag. Liberally apply a first coat of Semco Teak Sealer. Avoid apply Semco in the direct sunlight or extreme heat. There is no need to be concerned about brush strokes or lap marks. The first coat will dry in under an hour.
3. Apply a second coat of Semco Teak Sealer 30 minutes after the first coat is complete. Wipe off excess with a clean rag 20 minutes after the second coat. Be sure to apply both coats in the same day. The furniture will be dry to the touch in a few hours and can be placed in service the next day. Two coats are all that are recommended for new or restored furniture.
4. **Optional Clear Coat:** If added stain protection is desired, apply two coats of Semco Clear Coat to the table tops only. This makes the surface stain resistant and allows easy cleanup of food spills. We do not recommend putting this product on the rest of the furniture because it makes the renewal process more difficult.

Future Applications - After cleaning and sealing with Semco Teak Sealer the first time, an occasional cleaning with soap and water and a single fresh coat of Sealer applied seasonally will keep the teak looking great for years to come.

If water dashed on the surface beads up, then the Semco Teak Sealer is still working and does not need re-coating. Avoid applying Semco Teak Sealer too often as the finish will build up and mask the grain of the wood. A harsh environment or higher usage may shorten the intervals of maintenance required.

1. Clean the teak with mild detergent to remove and soil.
 1. Wet the wood with a hose.
 2. Use a Scotch Brite pad or a soft scrub brush to gently clean the surface of the wood with a mild detergent such as dish soap.
 3. Never use bleach, a brass brush, a pressure washer or steel wool on teak furniture. These items will damage or discolor the surface of the wood.
 4. If any stains or soil remain, sand lightly with fine sandpaper to remove the mark. If this method does not remove a stain you may have to use the Restoring directions on the next panel of this brochure.
2. Ensure that the wood is completely dry before applying the Sealer.
3. Apply a single coat of sealer using a plastic spray bottle, brush or rag. Apply liberally and wipe off the excess with a rag. One coat should be sufficient to recoat most applications.
4. **Optional Clear Coat:** To reapply Semco Clear Coat, sand lightly and then apply a light first coat with a foam brush. Allow the first coat to dry completely before applying a second light coat (minimum 8 hours). Allow to dry completely before placing back into service.