

Parke Teak

Burmese Teak - Not all teak wood is the same. *Parke Teak*[™], our teak outdoor furniture line, is crafted of the world's finest, genuine reforested Burmese teak (*Tectona Grandis*). Burmese teak is denser, heavier, tighter grained and has 500% more natural oils than Indonesian teak. When seeking the sophistication of teak, you must know that there is a significant quality difference between Burmese teak and Indonesian grown teak. Its appearance is a richer golden color with more beautiful grain patterns. The higher oil content aids in prolonging the natural weathering process and its high density naturally repels parasites.

Premium Cuts-We use only the heartwood (center, even golden color) portion of the teak log for construction. Our teak is trimmed of any sap wood (outer, light colored portion of tree), dead knots and imperfections.

Kiln Dried - for up to 40 days. The wood is finally sun-dried to achieve a beauty golden hue. At time of shipment, a moisture content range of between 8% - 14% is achieved. This is the ideal moisture content for teak and hardwood for our dry North American climate. This drying process is essential in reducing warping, cracking, checking and aids in prolonging the life of teak outdoor furniture and balau hardwood furniture. This is the ideal moisture content for teak and hardwood for our dry North American climate.

History-It is said that the first teak outdoor furniture was made from decking of old sailing ships that were headed to the scrap yard. In spite of all the abuse this teak wood endured, the decking on these ships was in such great condition; the wood was recycled and remade into outdoor furniture, giving birth to the teak outdoor furniture industry. Shipbuilders have known for centuries about the beauty, remarkable texture, and superior weather resistance of teak wood. Teak furniture can be left outside all year around, surviving even the most extreme weather conditions. Teak has a life expectancy of 75 years if left untreated due to its natural rubber content that resists moisture and dry rot.

The most important characteristic of teak is its durability in all weather conditions. Teak is an extremely dense grained hardwood which resists rot, warping, shrinking and swelling. Its high natural oil content continually preserves the wood so it can be left outdoors for decades without maintenance. Teak furniture is very smooth to the touch and does not splinter.

Ecologically Correct – Environmentally correct. In accordance with a well established system, we use only wood from properly managed, reforested, sustainable forests and in accordance with all agencies. Teak wood does not come from tropical rain forests. In fact, teak cannot grow in rain forests — it is a deciduous tree which grows in the dry, hilly terrains of forests in Southeast Asia.