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Summit furniture is crafted from plantation-grown teak, a uniquely durable hardwood rich in natural oils and silicates. These natural compounds give teak exceptional resistance to moisture, rot, and insects, making it ideal for outdoor environments.

Over time, teak undergoes a graceful transformation from its original warm honey brown color to a silvery grey patina. As teak matures, you may observe slight changes in grain, tone, or surface texture. These variations do not affect performance and are part of teak's organic evolution.

To keep your Summit furniture looking its best, we suggest the following easy care guidelines:

## **FURNITURE COVERS**

The best way to protect your furniture from airborne impurities and pollution is to ensure your furniture is covered when not in use for prolonged periods. Covers for all pieces of Summit furniture can be ordered on our website.

## **NATURAL TEAK CHARACTERISTIC: OIL SURFACING**

Teak's high oil content provides lasting durability and beauty. As your furniture begins to weather, these oils may naturally surface—particularly in new or recently sanded pieces—sometimes creating visible patterns such as faint “watermarks” or tonal shifts. This is a natural phase in teak's maturing process and not a cause for concern.

## **NATURAL TEAK CARE**

**Furniture Maintenance:** Teak, as with anything left outdoors, will be subject to airborne impurities such as pollen and dirt. Hose off your furniture frequently to help it stay clean and weather evenly. Use a hose only, as a power washer will damage the wood grain.

**Seasonal Cleaning:** To maintain your teak furniture, we recommend thoroughly cleaning it at least once every season. Before cleaning, remove cushions from your furniture. To remove seasonal build-up, an ideal cleaning solution can be created with oxygenated bleach. Dilute 2oz. of oxygenated bleach in 1 gallon of hot water (a hot faucet's temperature will suffice). Apply this solution to your furniture and use a non-abrasive sponge or cloth to clean the surface. Rinse thoroughly and allow the furniture to air dry in sunlight. Rinse well.

You can clean your furniture more frequently with soap and water if you notice a buildup of impurities. Before cleaning, remove cushions from your furniture. Wash your furniture gently using a mixture of mild, pH-neutral soap with clean water. Use a non-abrasive sponge or cloth to clean the surface. Rinse thoroughly and allow the furniture to air dry in sunlight.

**Sanding:** Any roughness or surface abrasions can be removed by light sanding. 100 grit sandpaper is recommended. Sanded areas will gradually return to an even patina over time.

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## STAINLESS-STEEL HARDWARE

To clean stainless steel, use a buffing cloth. Always wipe in the direction of the stainless steel's grain for a streak-free finish. For serious build up or stains, we recommend using a stainless-steel cleaner (such as Bar Keepers Friend) as applicable. Follow the manufacturers' instructions, taking care not to get any of the cleaner on the teak, as it may discolor it.

## CUSHIONS

The combination of Summit's core construction and solution dyed fabric makes our cushions and pillows ideal for outdoor use. Store your cushions in a dry area when not in use to prolong their life. If your cushions and pillows do get wet, unzip them and stand them on end to facilitate drying.

## TEAK SEALER TREATMENT

Semco™ teak sealer inhibits the sun's ultraviolet rays from "aging" the natural teak wood. The golden brown color of the natural teak can be preserved by periodic reapplication of teak sealer. Summit offers two options, natural sealer which retains the teak color, and coffee, a darker, custom blended stain.

Regular Cleaning: Frequent hosing will help keep airborne impurities off your furniture. Stubborn stains may be sponged off with soapy water. Spot re-application of sealer may be required.

Reapplication of Teak Sealer: The teak sealer treatment applied at our warehouse will wear away with time, depending on your particular environment and use. When this happens, clean your furniture with mild soap and water. Allow to dry completely and then reapply the teak sealer treatment following the manufacturer's instructions. One gallon of teak sealer is enough to treat 8-10 pieces of furniture. To order Semco Teak Products, call (800) 662.0223. Request sealer color "natural."

**Please contact your showroom representative with any questions regarding maintenance. With minimal care, your Summit furniture will stay beautiful for many years to come.**