



MAINTAINING TEAK FURNITURE

Contrary to popular belief, teak furniture does not require any special maintenance routine or any additional protection apart from occasional cleaning. Left to age naturally outside by being exposed to light, air and rain, teak will gradually change to a soft, silver-grey as the pigments in the surface layer of the wood slowly start to fade away. We recommend that you allow your teak furniture to weather naturally this way and simply clean thoroughly once or twice a year with our Teak Cleaner.



If you wish to retain the golden-brown colour of new teak we also offer a Teak Sealer. Application of Teak Sealer will not affect the strength or longevity of the furniture in any way, just its appearance. If you elect to use Teak Sealer you will be embarking on a regular maintenance programme as Teak Sealer needs to be regularly re-applied to provide continuous protection.

If you intend to store your furniture over the winter, we recommend that you do so in a water-tight garden shed or garage. However, we advise that you do not move teak furniture from the garden straight into a heated indoor room for storage, as the sharp differences in temperature and humidity may cause the wood to split.



To protect teak surfaces from staining and to help maintain the silver-grey patina on weathered teak, we recommend using our Teak Protector. An application of this product forms an almost invisible shield which helps to prevent food (coffee, ketchup, red wine, olive oil, etc.) penetrating into the teak and causing unsightly stains. Teak Protector also helps protect the wood against the ingress of moisture, the adhesion of dirt and prevents mildew growth.



TEAK CLEANER

25oz / 750ml plastic bottle with trigger-action head. Water-based formula - both non-toxic and environmentally friendly. Cleans and brightens weathered teak in one, simple step. Each bottle is supplied complete with a special applicator pad.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

1. Before using Teak Cleaner, protective gloves (included in box) and eye protection should be worn. Cover the ground under your working area before cleaning.
2. First moisten the furniture with clean water.
3. Shake Teak Cleaner before use.
4. Spray Teak Cleaner on furniture and apply evenly with a soft cloth or sponge. Allow to soak for 5 minutes.
5. Brush the furniture clean with a scrubbing pad (included in box) and water in the direction of the grain.
6. Rinse furniture well with clean water.
7. For protection from stains, leave furniture to dry and treat with Teak Protector.





TEAK PROTECTOR

33oz / 1 litre plastic bottle. Water-based formula - both non-toxic and environmentally friendly. Special formula repels water and moisture. Helps prevent stains from food and drinks. Use on weathered teak to retain the silver-grey patina. Each bottle is supplied complete with a special applicator cloth.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

1. Before using Teak Protector, protective gloves (included in box) and eye protection should be worn. Cover the ground under your work area before starting.

2. Before using Teak Protector on new teak, put the furniture outside to weather for a week.

3. Before using Teak Protector on weathered or dark grey teak, first clean the wood with Gloster Teak Cleaner. If cleaned wood feels rough, sand lightly before treating with Teak Protector.

4. Make sure the teak is 100% dry and free of dust.

5. Shake for at least one minute before use. Apply a thin layer of Teak Protector with a soft cloth (included in box).

6. Allow to dry for 4 hours (humid climates: allow more time for drying) and then apply a second thin coat of Teak Protector. Let the teak dry for 48 hours before exposure.

7. It is recommended that you treat your teak furniture with Teak Protector at least once every year. Tabletops should be treated more often.

Note - Teak Protector is an almost invisible shield which helps to prevent food (coffee, ketchup, red wine, olive oil, etc.) penetrating into teak causing stains. It also protects the wood against moisture and adhesion of dirt and prevents mildew growth. After aging, the teak will weather to a natural silver-grey patina instead of turning dark grey or green. Should you prefer to keep the golden-brown colour of teak for a longer time, then first treat your furniture with Teak Sealer and then use Teak Protector afterwards.





TEAK SEALER

33oz / 1 litre plastic bottle. Water-based formula - both non-toxic and environmentally friendly. Retains the golden-brown colour of teak for a longer time. Fast and easy to apply. Resistant to mould and prevents the formation of black spots. Each bottle is supplied complete with a special applicator cloth.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

1. New Furniture - clean with Gloster Teak Cleaner before applying Teak Sealer. For weathered furniture or furniture previously treated with teak oil/sealer - clean thoroughly with Gloster Teak Cleaner before applying Teak Sealer, ensuring all traces of old oil/sealer are removed.

2. Before using the Teak Sealer, protective gloves (included in box) and eye protection should be worn. Cover the ground under your work area before starting.

4. Shake Teak Sealer for at least one minute before use. Insufficient shaking can lead to uneven weathering.

5. We suggest you try the Teak Sealer on a small area first (e.g. the back of a leg) to judge if the colour meets your expectations.

6. Apply a very thin layer of Teak Sealer evenly over the furniture with a dust free cloth (included in box). Apply a second very thin coat after 60 minutes drying time (humid climates: allow more time for drying).

7. It is recommended that you treat your furniture with Teak Sealer at least once a year.





MAINTAINING WOVEN FURNITURE

All our woven furniture is made from the highest quality man-made fibre. Soft to the touch, this remarkable material has many benefits including high suppleness, tear resistance, UV resistance and weather resistance.

The polyethylene based, extruded and through-dyed wicker is also completely weatherproof, insensitive to differences in temperature and extremely hard wearing.



Woven furniture can be left outside all year round and is able to withstand temperatures from -20°C to $+55^{\circ}\text{C}$. When very cold, the weave will become stiffer than normal and when very hot, the weave will become more elastic. However, it will always revert to its normal elasticity, once the ambient temperature stabilises.

Scratch marks or abrasion to the edges of the fibre can be repaired by very briefly and carefully applying heat (i.e. the flame of a cigarette lighter) to the affected area and rubbing along the length of the fibre with a piece of hard cardboard to restore a smooth edge.

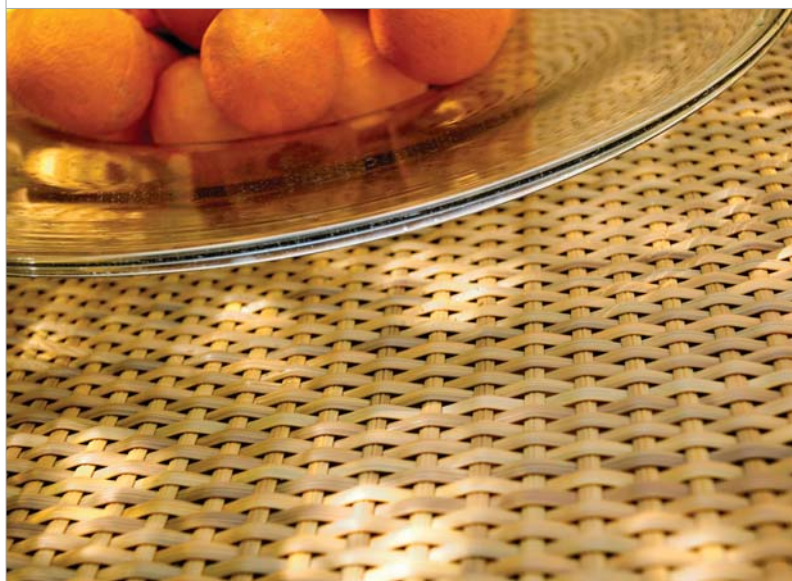


We recommend that woven furniture is regularly cleaned using Gloster's Sling & Woven Cleaner, following the instructions detailed on the label. It is important to use a non-foaming cleaner on woven furniture, as a foaming product will leave residues in the gaps in-between the weave which will then attract dirt. A pressure hose on a low setting is acceptable to use on woven furniture, but avoid any teak components, as the high pressure can erode the surface of the timber.



SLING & WOVEN CLEANER

25oz / 750ml plastic bottle with trigger-action head. Water-based formula - both non-toxic and environmentally friendly. Cleans and restores the new look of sling and synthetic wicker woven furniture. Special non-foaming formula. Each bottle is supplied complete with a special applicator pad.



INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

1. Before using the Sling/Woven Cleaner, protective gloves (included in box) and eye protection should be worn. Cover the ground under your working area before cleaning.
2. Shake Sling/Woven Cleaner before use.
3. Apply Sling/Woven Cleaner with a soft cloth or sponge. Allow to soak for 1 minute.
4. Brush the furniture clean with a soft scrubbing pad (included in box) and water.
5. Rinse furniture well with clean water.
6. Severely stained surfaces may require a second treatment.



Maintaining Stainless Steel Furniture



Gloster manufactures using 304 grade stainless steel - the industry standard for outdoor products. However, as with any item left permanently outside, stainless steel furniture requires regular maintenance to keep it looking as new.

Before the furniture leaves our factory the welds are ground flush and the surface is polished with Scotchbrite, usually in the long direction of the legs or rails. This provides a smooth, resistant surface that is easy to clean and maintain.

Although stainless steel is generally resistant to corrosion, the surface is susceptible to cosmetic deterioration by the effects of salt water and air-borne chemicals and this may result in small brown spots appearing on its surface (this process is likely to be accelerated in coastal areas). These spots in no way affect the strength, integrity or longevity of the furniture, they are simply superficial discolorations that require cleaning to restore the stainless steel to its original appearance.



With all our products we include a Scotchbrite pad. If any brown spots appear on the stainless steel they can be easily cleaned by gently rubbing the surface of the steel, in the direction of the brushed finish, with the pad. If these deposits are allowed to build up, then it may be necessary to clean the product more thoroughly with Gloster's Stainless Steel Cleaner & Polisher, which cleans and restores the new look of stainless steel furniture and makes the surface repellent to both dirt and water.



MAINTAINING SLING FURNITURE

Available in a wide variety of designs and colours, Sling is a generic term for a woven, open-mesh fabric made from a vinyl coated, high strength polyester yarn. For our sling furniture we use only the highest quality Textilene® woven vinyl. Historically, slings are found combined with powder-coated aluminium frames. However, due to its inherent good looks, exceptional comfort and practicality, Gloster also has designed products that combine sling with both teak and stainless steel frames.



One of the main benefits of sling is comfort. When stretched taught between two side frames, sling provides a yielding and infinitely variable seating surface that moulds to your individual body shape. Our Textilene® woven vinyl is resistant to fading, mildew and wear & tear under even the most severe weather conditions. Sling requires only occasional cleaning with Gloster Sling & Woven Cleaner to keep it looking as good as new.



We recommend that sling furniture is cleaned using Gloster's Sling & Woven Cleaner, following the instructions detailed on the label. It is important to use a non-foaming cleaner on slings, as a foaming product will leave residues in the gaps in-between the weave which will then attract dirt. A pressure hose on a low setting is acceptable to use on sling furniture, but avoid any teak components, as the high pressure can erode the surface of the timber. For anodised or powder-coated aluminium frames, use Gloster's Metal Cleaner.



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MAINTAINING PAINTED FURNITURE

Depending upon the amount of exposure to sunlight and the amount of wear through normal use, the surface may lose some of its gloss over a period of time. If this happens it does not mean that the furniture has lost its weather durability and it is your personal decision whether to repaint the product to restore the gloss. Durability is only lost if the paint is punctured or worn out through to the wood.

In the event that you decide to re-finish your furniture then we recommend the application of an exterior grade gloss paint purchased from your local paint specialist and applied professionally (ideally sprayed on).



Your furniture may make some sound in its initial usage as the joints flex and the paint surface stretches. All surfaces that come together during the customer assembly process are coated with a thin layer of plastic to minimise such noise while ensuring good adhesion. At the location of joints that were factory assembled and then painted over there may be some wood movement over time which will crack the paint surface. This is normal and may need some maintenance.

It is important that you remove any spills or deposits that could stain the furniture as soon as possible. Make sure you never use any abrasive substance or pads or brushes as they will reduce the finishes resistance to dirt and could degrade the surface finish.



It is also important that your furniture is cleaned regularly and we recommend that you use Gloster painted furniture cleaner or a diluted mild detergent every few months or when the furniture looks like it needs cleaning. The frequency will depend on your furniture's location and its exposure to vegetation and airborne pollution. Do not use any wood or teak cleaners as they will degrade the paint surface.

It is possible that after rain or washing some of the natural red pigment of the mahogany wood could seep out onto the painted surface around the joint areas. This is quite normal and should be washed away as soon as possible to avoid staining.



Avoid anything that exposes your furniture to constant wetting. Remove wet cushions or towels, do not wrap in covers that will hold moisture on the surface and make sure the furniture is not under dripping parasols or leaking gutters.

If you can store your furniture inside in the most severe weather months this will prolong the paint surface. If you do then avoid storing in conditions that will encourage mildew. Ensure the furniture is not exposed to extreme temperature changes when moving from inside to out and vice versa as this will increase wood movement and potential damage to frames. Undercover storage in a shed or similar building is recommended.

Some of the factory machined and assembled joints may open up due to the timber expanding or contracting. If you can see the exposed mahogany or the open joint continually bleeds red then the joint will need filling with our supplied touch up paint to cover the exposed surfaces.



The mahogany wood has reasonable durability to the elements but for long term durability it needs to be sealed by having its paint surface intact. Consequently any scratches or abrasions which cut through the paint surface and expose the wood need to be repaired quickly to avoid either degradation of the wood or bleeding of the woods natural colour onto the surface of the paint or flaking or peeling starting around the abrasion.

To remove minor scratch marks, use a propriety rubbing compound (as used on car paintwork) applied gently with a soft cloth.



Your furniture has rubber or nylon feet applied to keep the furniture off the ground and to keep the bottom edges of the legs away from abrasion. The feet must not be removed. If the furniture is used on a gravel or extremely rough surface then the bottoms of the legs should be checked for abrasion marks and touched up accordingly. The furniture must not be kept standing in water or in a location where water will accumulate around the legs. The bottom of the legs are the most vulnerable part for degradation.

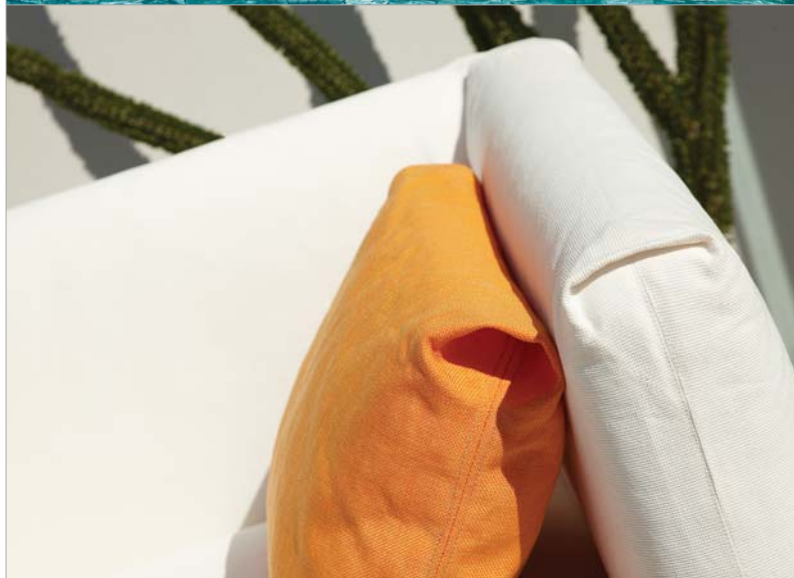


MAINTAINING BLOC & CLOUD BASE & BACK CUSHIONS

The base and back cushion covers for the Bloc and Cloud collections are made from "Leisuretex™" – a fabric composed of alternating yarns of polypropylene and "Textilene®" (a yarn made from PVC covered polyester). The inside of the covers are back-coated with a waterproof membrane to ensure water cannot penetrate into the cushion interior itself. Due to this waterproof membrane, when the cushion gets wet, all the moisture has to evaporate from the face of the fabric and may take longer to dry as a result.



The covers on base and back cushions are removable and the interior of the cushions is water repellent. However, due to the highly tailored construction of these cushions, Gloster does not recommend removing the covers unless it is for replacement purposes.



Gloster recommends that base and back cushions are cleaned regularly (at least once a year) in the following way...

For regular, general cleaning and light soiling, use a solution of warm water and mild detergent.

1. Gently brush the fabric clean with a sponge, soft scrubbing pad or a soft bristle scrubbing brush.

2. Rinse well with clean water to remove all traces of the detergent solution.

DO NOT use a powerwasher to clean/rinse the cushions as this will cause de-lamination of the waterproof membrane on the inside of the cushion cover.



For more ingrained dirt and/or to remove specific stains use Gloster Sling/Woven Cleaner.

1. Before using the Sling/Woven Cleaner, protective gloves (included in box) and eye protection should be worn. Cover the ground under your working area before cleaning.
2. Shake Sling/Woven Cleaner before use.
3. Apply Sling/Woven Cleaner with a soft cloth or sponge. Allow to soak for 1 minute.
4. Brush the cushion clean with a soft scrubbing pad (included in box) and water.
5. Rinse cushion well with clean water.
6. Severely stained surfaces may require a second treatment.

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WATERMARKS

Due to the large surface area of base cushions in particular, it is possible, under certain conditions, for watermarks to appear on the fabric. Watermarks are not 'stains' as such and can occur on almost any fabric under certain conditions. On Leisuretex™, they may occur under conditions of uneven wetting and/or uneven drying. To avoid watermarking it is important to dry cushions evenly, preferably in sunny, breezy conditions.



If a watermark appears, use Gloster Sling/Woven Cleaner to remove the mark, then rinse the cushion thoroughly all over, using clean water, and then allow to dry as evenly and quickly as practicable. Ideally, this should be in the open air and in direct sunlight if possible, which will assist more rapid and even drying.

The above instructions apply only to Bloc and Cloud base and back cushions (NOT scatter cushions).