

OLD TEAK

INFORMATION ON THE MATERIAL

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Creating something new from old wood – that's the idea behind reusing wood from old abandoned houses for these table tops. After sorting the components, foreign objects such as nails are extensively removed from the wood and it is then cut to size and sent for further mechanical surface processing.

Natural wood resources are not consumed in the production chain. The special appeal of this material lies in the individual signs of use, such as holes and recesses from screws, nails or mortising, that are characteristic of these unique pieces. Larger holes are sealed with patches.

PROPERTIES

Old Teak is very robust and weather-resistant and convinces with its high strength and hardness. It hardly deforms even in changing climates and is comparable to oak wood. Due to the oils stored in the teak, the wood is already well protected and has a very long service life.

At the beginning of use, rain can wash out the colour pigments stored in the wood, which can lead to water stains on the teak and stains on the floor. Especially in the case of light-coloured tiled floors, sand-stone floors or other open-pored floor coverings, we recommend watering the tabletop several times vigorously on an insensitive surface before use in order to accelerate the washing out of the colour pigments.

Wood is a natural product. This is why small cracks may appear under the influence of rain, temperature fluctuations and light. The formation of larger gaps between individual strips is also a characteristic feature of this product. Over time, the wood acquires a silver-grey patina on the surface. The quality of the wood and its characteristics of use are not affected by these typical characteristics.

ASSEMBLY OF TABLE TOPS

Please use the enclosed screws to screw the table top to the table frame. We recommend to predrill. 5 mm at maximum at the fixing points with a 3 mm wood drill.

CARE AND STORAGE

We recommend using our STERN Teak Cleaner to remove dirt and unwanted patina at least once a year. In order to counteract the patina and to refresh the optics of the wood, the furniture should be treated with our STERN Teak Protector after cleaning. Please check if you like the color before using it.

Always work in the direction of the wood grain during all work steps (cleaning, sanding, applying care products) and note the care instructions on the label of our care products. Moisture can penetrate more easily at so-called end grain areas, where the wood is cut crosswise to the length and the annual rings are visible. Cracking at these points can be of varying severity. Grease stains are best gently removed with fine sandpaper. Then wipe with a moist cloth.

Superficial mold stains can occur in the case of constant moisture. These can be caused by persistent dirt accumulation from the air, incorrect maintenance or insufficient ventilation due to improper covering. To remove them, dry-brush the furniture with a coarse scrubbing brush. They can also be removed with sandpaper. In order that the black spots do not penetrate deeper into the wood, this treatment must be performed immediately after they are discovered.

For storing outdoors over the winter we recommend that the furniture is covered with a protective cover from STERN. You can obtain this from your retailer. The cover may never lie directly on the tabletop or seating surface and must be sufficiently ventilated so that no condensation water or mold spots form. A simple wood piece can be used as a spacer. Storage in a dry, unheated space is ideal.

We recommend retightening the screws before initial use and then at least once a year, as they can loosen over time.