About Whitecap Teak Products

Whitecap teak products are designed and built to last a lifetime. Whitecap teak is produced in the same factory in Thailand that has been supplying the North American marine industry for over 40 years. Whitecap teak accessories are produced from the finest teak lumber certified by the government of Thailand as harvested from managed, sustainable forests.

Teak is one of the world's most desired hardwoods. Teak's naturally high oil content makes it incredibly durable. Teak resists warping, rotting, termites and other insects, and will last for decades. It can withstand the perils of long-term exposure to salt, sun, and moisture that destroy most other types of wood --- making teak an excellent choice for wood products that are used outdoors.

Not only is teak durable, it's beautiful to see and touch. Its intricate grain patterns and color variations make each piece unique unto itself. There are no other hardwoods that can match the rich luster and soft, warm, silky feel of teak that comes from the rich oil contained in the wood.

All Whitecap teak products are made from premium teak lumber which is kiln-dried, and fully aged. Each product is hand assembled finished by talented craftsmen. The fine workmanship is evident in the fit and finish of each product.

To ensure strength and durability, Whitecap craftsmen use traditional assembly techniques, such as dove-tail and mortise & tenon joints. All screw fittings are countersunk and plugged. Only high-quality waterproof adhesive is used. Each item is sanded and finished by hand to a rich, elegant luster.

No other species or origins of wood are used in Whitecap products, nor are veneers. All Whitecap products are made of solid teak.

Care and Maintenance of Teak

Teak does not require any type of finish to maintain long life or preserve its surface. When left unfinished, teak weathers in the elements to a silver gray color. It can be easily cleaned using a soft brush and some soap and water. Some prefer this look for exterior applications.

To maintain teak's original rich, golden luster, clean often with a damp cloth and apply a high quality Teak Oil such as those sold at <u>Fisheries Supply</u>.

To restore weathered teak to a rich luster, we recommend a three-step process to clean, brighten and preserve the wood:

- 1) To clean dirty or stained wood use a Teak Cleaner. Avoid chemical cleaners.
- 2) To bring out the natural wood grain and original wood color treat with a Teak Brightener.

A full selection of quality teak cleaners and brighteners can be found at <u>Fisheries</u> <u>Supply.</u>

3) Finally, to seal and protect cleaned teak, apply a Teak Oil annually, or more often in harsher environments.