



## How to Maintain Teak Wood



To help keep your Hudson Reed teak bathroom furniture looking in top condition well into the future we have created this useful guide.

## **Teak Bathroom Furniture**

At Hudson Reed we have a superb choice of high quality teak benches and shower mats which have all been specially treated with a unique deep penetrating stain that absorbs into the grain of the wood; this stain has added mold, mildew and fungus inhibitors making our teak furniture perfect for use in a bathroom environment.

### **What is Teak Wood?**

Resistant to rot and warping as well as expansion and contraction teak wood is a naturally, golden tropical oily hardwood found throughout Southeast Asia. Due to its natural density and high oil content teak is naturally resistant to water, mold and mildew and is highly durable.

Although teak wood can withstand a lot of heavy use it is best to treat it carefully so that you never have to replace it. Maintaining teak wood is easy. Simply follow these steps to ensure it is kept looking its best.

#### **Step 1**

Over time teak takes on a silvery-gray appearance, so to preserve the original natural brown color it is recommended that you oil the furniture once every three months. Apply several coats of teak oil, which will soak into the wood to form a protective layer. Use natural teak or tung oil to prevent damaging the wood.

#### **Step 2**

Cleaning your teak furniture on a regular basis helps to prolong the life of the wood. Using a soft cloth or sponge with soapy water provides the best way to clean teak wood.

#### **Step 3**

After you have cleaned your teak furniture apply a teak brightener to preserve the brown color. A teak brightener has been specially designed to enhance the wood grain and contrasting tones. Apply a brightener once every six to eight months for best results.

#### **Top Tips**

- Before using any furniture cleaner make sure that it is safe for use with teak wood.
- Keep chemicals away from teak to avoid ruining it with an unsightly stain.
- If you spill anything accidentally on teak wood clean it off immediately with water.

