



## CARE & USE - OUTDOOR WOOD COLLECTION

The GOMMAIRE outdoor wood collection is made of qualitative teak wood and teak root structures. The wood has not been treated to prevent staining, colour changes or weathering. The following information will help you understand, maintain, and protect your furniture.

Our pieces are meticulously handcrafted from solid teak wood, showcasing subtle variations and imperfections that enhance their distinctive beauty and uniqueness. This natural material possesses inherent characteristics and variations in structure and colour that may evolve over time, particularly when exposed to daylight. The wood is sensitive to significant fluctuations in humidity and temperature, potentially leading to the emergence of cracks, fissures, and wood bendings. Nevertheless, these natural changes are not only welcomed but also harmonize seamlessly with the core philosophy of Gommaire. To further ensure the longevity of our wooden items, we provide a range of maintenance products designed to offer additional protection and optimize their lifespan.

When moving the wooden furniture around, make sure to always lift and never slide it to prevent breakage. Furniture should always be placed on a flat surface. In situations where achieving a perfectly level surface is not feasible, our tables and side tables come equipped with adjustable furniture levellers.

### GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Start with using a damp cloth to remove dust and any white residue left by the packaging and transport.

The surface of the wood can be cleaned with water and natural soap at any given time. Always make sure to treat the entire surface, as local treatments will remain visible. The GOMMAIRE TEAK CLEANER can be applied on teak outdoor furniture to remove the dirt left by regular usage or air pollution. For surface stains that do not respond to the previously mentioned instructions, our G-SPOTSTOP can provide further assistance in reducing and minimizing them.

Lastly, to help the longevity of your teak furniture and prevent certain stains, you can apply a protective layer of our GOMMAIRE TEAK PROTECTOR. Bear in mind that it is still highly recommended to remove any stains as quickly as possible to prevent them from soaking into the wood.

On the following page, you will find more detailed information about the maintenance products and how to use them.

## GENERAL STEPS BEFORE APPLYING ANY OF THE PRODUCTS

The products are to be used during dry weather and temperatures between 15°-30° Celsius. Avoid direct sunlight. Clean the surface with a damp cloth, then make sure it is completely dry before applying the product. The humidity of the wood should be under 12%. You can remove any raised wood fibres with a scrubbing pad.

Always be careful using the following products. When applied incorrectly, undesired discolourations and changes in the wood could appear. Place a protective layer in between your furniture piece and the floor to protect it from accidental leakage or spills, these might leave behind stains that cannot be removed. If you are unsure about a product, we advise you to test on a non-visible spot on your furniture piece.

### TEAK PROTECTOR

G-PROTECTOR is a water-based teak protector that helps shield the surface against water-based stains and slows down the natural greening process. For those periods when your furniture piece remains unused, we highly recommend applying this product. However, it's important to note that G-PROTECTOR is not full coverage and does not prevent the natural aging or greying process that occurs over time.

To ensure your furniture is protected as much as possible, apply this product after using the GOMMAIRE TEAK CLEANER and it is recommended to apply it several times a year. Avoid excessive soap usage or frequent cleaning, as it can compromise the protective layer. Lastly, never use the protector in combination with the Exterior Wood Oil as they cancel each other out. These tips will help maintain your furniture's durability and appearance, preserving its natural beauty.

#### How to use

For new furniture, we recommend following these steps. Firstly, gently wipe the entire surface with a lightly damp cloth and allow it to dry for one week before applying the product. This waiting period ensures the best results.

When dealing with older furniture, we suggest using our teak cleaner to cleanse the entire piece beforehand. If the cleaned teak appears rough, gently refine the surface using a scrubbing pad. The waiting period is not necessary after this.

Before applying the teak protector, make sure the entire surface is completely dry and free from dust or dirt particles. Shake before use, then apply a thin layer of teak protector with a soft, lint-free cloth or paintbrush. Wait for a couple of hours before applying a second thin layer once the wood is thoroughly dried. Then again leave the product to dry fully so it accomplishes its optimal effect.

Frequent reapplication of this treatment is necessary due to its water-based nature. To assess the level of protection on the wood, perform a simple water test. If the water forms beads on the surface without being absorbed, it indicates sufficient protection. However, if the water is absorbed by the wood, it indicates that the protection has worn off and reapplication is required.

### TEAK CLEANER

Use the G-CLEANER when your Natural Grey outdoor furniture needs a general cleaning, for example when the wood is weathered or slightly discoloured. Depending on the inherent base colour of the wood, this product will enhance those tones. That is why the wood may develop a pink, yellow or orange hue after cleaning. It is important to note that this gradual shift in colour is a normal occurrence that would naturally take place over time.

#### How to use

Begin by gently rinsing the entire piece with a hose, followed by the removal of any residual water using a soft cloth. Spray the G-CLEANER on the entire surface, allowing it to settle for approximately 10 minutes. Employ a scouring pad, moving in the direction of the wood grain, to gently cleanse the piece. Subsequently, ensure a thorough rinsing to remove all remnants. Additionally, utilise a cloth to carefully eliminate excess water. Keep your furniture piece out of direct sunlight to dry. If the outcome does not meet your expectations once the piece has dried, feel free to repeat this treatment.

### G-SPOTSTOP

For more stubborn stains we offer G-SPOTSTOP. As with any stain, it is important to remove them as soon as possible. Prompt removal of stains is crucial for optimal results. Delaying the removal until the following day may reduce its effectiveness. Even if your furniture piece is treated with the G-PROTECTOR.

#### How to use

Before usage, shake the spray bottle to ensure the proper mixture. Then spray the G-SPOTSTOP approx. 20 cm above the stain. Allow the product to sit for a few minutes. To remove the stain, gently brush it out using a brush or lightly dab it with a cloth. Please avoid rubbing with the cloth, as it causes the stain to absorb into the fibres of the wood.