

Kingsley-Bate Care Instructions

Teak

Do I need to clean my teak furniture before using it the first time?

Yes. Before placing cushions on your teak furniture, remove any dust from manufacturing by wiping the furniture with a damp cloth. Teak has oil that occurs naturally in the wood. Expect some of this oil to bleed out following the first few rainfalls. In order to protect your cushions, bring them inside before the furniture gets wet. Stains from teak oil are not covered under warranty. Once the furniture has begun to form a silver-gray patina, it is no longer necessary to bring the cushions indoors. This information also applies to fabric umbrella canopies used on teak umbrella frames.

How should I clean my teak furniture?

The only maintenance necessary for your furniture is periodic cleaning. First, hose down the furniture with fresh water. Avoid spraying the teak with a high pressure hose, as high pressure can erode the surface of the timber. Next, scrub the wet furniture using a soft bristle brush and a solution of 2/3 cup laundry detergent and 1/4 cup bleach in 1 gallon of warm water. When finished, rinse the entire piece with more fresh water to remove any remaining cleaning solution. This procedure is sufficient for general cleaning. For more difficult stains we recommend using Kingsley-Bate Teak Cleaner. This will remove the silver-gray patina and restore the furniture to a golden brown color.

Do I need to bring my cushions indoors when it rains?

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How can I prevent my teak from turning silver-gray if I want to maintain the golden brown color?

If you prefer to keep your teak wood a golden brown color, we recommend using Kingsley-Bate Teak Protector. This is a purely cosmetic application. The product will maintain the golden brown color for approximately one season and can be reapplied as needed. You should wait two weeks before applying the protector to newly assembled furniture. We strongly recommend you try it on a small area of your furniture first--such as the back of a leg or the underside of a chair-- to ensure you like the results before applying it to the entire piece.

How often must I apply the Kingsley-Bate Teak Protector product?

Kingsley-Bate Teak Protector should be applied seasonally, or when you begin to see the teak changing color. Please note that using Teak Protector is not required and is a cosmetic application only. The only function of the Teak Protector is to prevent the teak from forming a silver gray patina during the weathering process.

Is it okay to oil my teak furniture?

Kingsley-Bate does not recommend oiling teak furniture or the use of oil based products. If done improperly, oiling can cause mildew or irregular coloring and is not covered under warranty.

How should teak furniture be stored for the winter?

Teak furniture may be left outside all year round without an outdoor furniture cover. Snow and freezing temperatures will not harm the furniture. If you prefer to store your furniture, we recommend doing so in a dry, unheated garage or garden shed. We do not recommend the use of furniture covers, as many varieties do not provide proper ventilation and can make the wood susceptible to mildew growth.

How should I care for teak if it's used indoors?

If you choose to use your furniture indoors, we suggest that you periodically apply a thin coat of paste wax, (i.e., Briwax or Johnson's Wax). Doing so provides the teak with additional protection from natural body oils, dust, and dirt that may come in contact with the furniture.

What are the black dots on my teak furniture?

Although teak wood itself will not mildew, mildew sometimes grows on dirt and other foreign substances that are not removed from the wood. This occurs more commonly in warm, humid climates.

If this happens, follow the standard cleaning instructions immediately. Do not let the mildew remain on the wood for too long. Doing so could cause stains on the wood that are difficult to remove.

STAINLESS STEEL FURNITURE

How should I clean my stainless steel furniture?

The recommended method for cleaning depends on the type of finish:

For the standard stainless steel finish

Using fresh water, rinse the frame thoroughly at a high hose pressure. Be careful to avoid any teak details on the furniture as the high pressure can erode the surface of the timber.

For more thorough cleaning, wash the stainless steel with mild detergent and warm water using a soft cloth or sponge. Always wipe with the directional grain of the steel, not across it. After washing, rinse with fresh water and dry thoroughly.

For finger prints or smudges, you may wish to use a stainless steel cleaner. Always read the manufacturer's instructions carefully before applying a stainless steel cleaning product. For more stubborn cleaning or brown surface spots, follow the instructions above, replacing the cloth or sponge with a fine grit non-metallic abrasive pad such as Scotch-Brite®. Never use abrasive cleaners, steel wool pads, highly abrasive cloths, or an industrial pressure washer.

For the electropolished stainless steel finish

Using fresh water, rinse the frame thoroughly at a high hose pressure. Be careful to avoid any teak details on the furniture as the high pressure can erode the surface of the timber.

For more thorough cleaning, wash the stainless steel with mild detergent and warm water using a soft cloth or sponge. After washing, rinse with fresh water and dry thoroughly.

For finger prints, smudges, or brown surface spots, you may wish to use a stainless steel cleaner. Always read the manufacturer's instructions carefully before applying a cleaning product. Do not use any pads,

brushes or abrasive materials on the electropolished surface. Extra care should be used to avoid scratching the finish, as doing so can make the steel more susceptible to corrosion.

Will stainless steel rust?

Stainless steel is resistant to corrosion, however infrequent cleaning can lead to small brown spots appearing on the surface of the steel. These spots are cosmetic only and in no way affect the structural integrity of the furniture. This condition is considered normal for all types of outdoor stainless steel products—furniture, BBQ grills, patio heaters, etc.—and is not covered by warranty. Proper cleaning will help restore the steel to its original appearance.

Will stainless steel heat up in the sunlight?

Yes.

How should stainless steel furniture be stored for the winter?

Kingsley-Bate recommends that stainless steel furniture be stored for the winter in climates exposed to snow and freezing temperatures. Furniture must be stored in an upright position to allow for proper water drainage. Storing furniture upside-down may cause water to accumulate and freeze inside the frame, causing structural damage. Always thoroughly clean your furniture before placing in storage. The best place to store your furniture is a dry garage, garden shed, or basement.

WOVEN FURNITURE

How should the woven furniture be cleaned?

To clean your woven furniture, rinse the frame with fresh water using a high hose pressure. Be careful to avoid any teak details on the furniture as the high pressure can erode the surface of the timber. Optionally, you may wash the woven material with mild detergent and warm water using a soft brush. After washing, rinse with fresh water until there are no soap bubbles remaining. Allow the furniture to air-dry. If using a specialty outdoor furniture cleaner, avoid using a foaming product, as foam cleaners can leave residue in the gaps of the weaving and later attract dirt.

How should woven furniture be stored for the winter?

Kingsley-Bate recommends that woven furniture be stored for the winter in climates exposed to snow and freezing temperatures. Furniture must be stored in an upright position to allow for proper water drainage. Storing furniture upside-down may cause water to accumulate and freeze inside the frame, causing structural damage. Always thoroughly clean your furniture before placing in storage. The best place to store your furniture is a dry garage, garden shed, or basement. You may also store your woven furniture outdoors using breathable furniture covers.

CUSHIONS, SLINGS

AND UMBRELLA CANOPIES

Do I need to bring my cushions indoors when it rains?

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teak oil are not covered under warranty. Once the furniture has begun to form a silver-gray patina, it is no longer necessary to bring the cushions indoors. This information also applies to umbrella canopies.

What should I do if my cushion becomes saturated with water?

If your cushion becomes saturated with water, unzip the cushion and stand it on its edge in a dry, sunny location. The zipper-side should be facing down to allow the water to drain through the opening. Cushions will typically dry in 24-48 hours depending on the level of saturation and the weather conditions during the drying process.

When cushions are not being used, you may also wish to stand them on edge within the furniture frame. Doing so will reduce the surface area exposed to the rain and allow for faster drying.

How should I clean my cushions or umbrella canopy?

Kingsley-Bate cushions and umbrella canopies are made with either Sunbrella® or Outdura® fabrics, a 100% solution-dyed acrylic. The fabric should be cleaned regularly before environmental deposits such as dirt, etc., are allowed to accumulate and become embedded. To clean the fabric, simply brush off any loose dirt, and then clean briskly with a sponge using fresh water and a mild natural soap (Woolite® is acceptable). Water temperature should be no more than 100° F (37° C), as acrylic fiber is heat sensitive at high temperatures. Do not subject the fabric to excessive heat as it will shrink. Do not steam press, iron, or dry in electric or gas dryers.

Sunbrella and Outdura Fabrics are treated with a fluorocarbon finish that acts as a sealant, making it resistant to water and stains. If you use liquid detergent instead of a natural soap to clean your cushions, it may be necessary to reapply the water repellent treatment to the fabric. We recommend using 303 Hi Tech Fabric Guard or a similar product. Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.

How do I remove more difficult cushion stains?

For more difficult stains, use a fabric spot remover. You may also contact the Kingsley-Bate customer service department for additional recommended cleaning solutions for specific stains like wine, coffee or paint. Although solution-dyed acrylic does not promote mildew growth, mildew may grow on dirt and other foreign substances that are not removed from the fabric. To clean mildew stains, prepare a mild solution of one cup bleach and two capfuls of natural soap per gallon of water. Spray on the entire affected area and allow to soak in. If necessary, scrub vigorously with a sponge or clean cloth.

After cleaning, rinse the cushion thoroughly with fresh water to remove any soap or cleaner residue, and allow to air dry. If the cushion is saturated with water, unzip the cushion and stand it on its edge in a dry, sunny location.

Can I remove the fill from my cushions and put the fabric covers in my washing machine?

Kingsley-Bate strongly recommends that you do not remove the fill from your cushions when cleaning the cushion fabric. Instead, clean the cushions with the fill in place. Most cushions are 'stuffed' using specialized machinery, and it is not always possible to re-stuff the cushions by hand and achieve a professional, finished appearance.

Can I leave my cushions outside all year round?

Cushions should be stored for the winter in climates exposed to snow and freezing temperatures. Cushions should be cleaned and allowed to air dry before placing into storage. Always store cushions in a dry, well ventilated area.

How should I clean my fabric slings?

To clean fabric slings, prepare a solution using 1 tbsp. liquid dish detergent and 2 tbsp. bleach mixed in 1 gallon of fresh warm water. Clean the fabric using a sponge or soft cloth dipped in the solution. Be careful to avoid getting this solution on the teak or stainless steel furniture frame. After cleaning, rinse the fabric thoroughly with fresh water and allow it to air dry.

Will suntan lotion or oil damage my fabric sling?

You should avoid putting your sling fabric in direct contact with oil-based products, which may cause the fabric to discolor or age more rapidly. If direct contact occurs, clean the fabric promptly to remove any lotion or oil residue.