



Product Cleaning and Maintenance:

Cleaning is best accomplished by using warm lightly soapy water. Use of a dishwashing soap with a citrus base is best. Simply wipe the item with a wetted damp rag and then wipe dry with an absorbent dry towel. To maintain luster, use a spray on furniture polish with a citrus base.

Direct exposure in the sun light will make the oil fade due to UV rays. Over time the oiled surface can be refreshed by cleaning and then applying a light coat of neutral natural wood oil or a clear natural wax. The original natural oils used are not from manmade chemistry or petroleum-based products. They are from natural plant chemistry and are water resistant and food safe surfaces

Mold Note:

Natural wood with natural finishes packed in cardboard boxes may develop surface mold due to air moisture and contact between cardboard and wood. The wood is a natural heat sink and warms and cools creating moisture inside the box. The wet cardboard causes surface mold to form occasionally.

After removing from the cartons allow to dry so surface mold turns to a dry powder then wipe off with a clean rag.

Then simply clean as above. The piece will adjust to its new climate and stabilize over time and the surface mold will stop forming. Hard, non-porous items like wood tables, cleaning is fairly easy and there's little fear of lingering spores

Saw Dust Holes:

Occasionally a piece will arrive, and later small holes appear with saw dust coming out. This is from a harmless bamboo beetle egg hatching years later. As the trees grow the beetles leave eggs and the tree continues to grow for years with the eggs dormant. After we carve away the outer wood most are killed off in the kilns and the fumigation of container. Some do survive the kilns and months later start to hatch. They are harmless and will die after hatching as they cannot survive outside the tropics.

Place in a clean area or outside porch. Use a simple ant or bug spray on the affected area. Cover with a cloth or plastic tarp, large garbage bag. Wait a day and reapply. Then use above cleaning and maintenance procedure

Scratches:

Items being moved around can get scratches on the ends. Simply use a fine high grit finishing sand paper (#600 or higher) and lightly sand the area affected. Then apply a clear oil or an oil with a similar color tone. Let dry and repeat. Then apply wax on ends to seal.

Outdoor Use:

Outdoors on a covered porch is okay. If you place out in the sun and rain, like any wood finish, the oil will dry out and fade away from the sun's UV rays and water. You would need to maintain the items with a natural wood oil coating from time to time. If you place on the ground, not cement or stones, then the contact with the earth creating moisture will eventually soak into the wood and cause the finish to fail and wood rot.

The wood items that will last the longest in wet conditions are the Teak items, like the teak block bench. Teak wood is denser and lasts longer outdoors, but it still needs maintenance to keep up its appearance.