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FINISHES & CARE GUIDE



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FINISHES

We offer three finishes for our products. They have different qualities and it is worth thinking carefully about the sort of performance you need and level of care & maintenance you are prepared to carry out. Samples are available on request.

HIGH PERFORMANCE LACQUER (*Available in teak, maple, cedar, oak & walnut*)

This finish is a specially formulated PU lacquer with 10% gloss level.

- Our lowest maintenance finish.
- Duckboards and shower trays are finished with a non-slip version of the lacquer.
- Can be cleaned with standard limescale removers that are non-abrasive and do not contain bleach.
- Please consider - should the lacquer be damaged, exposing the timber, it would need to be promptly repaired professionally.

HOTWASH (*Available in teak & walnut*)

A hotwash finish is timber in its most natural state. Our hotwash process ensures the timber stays smooth and tactile even when repeatedly wetted. Hotwashed teak and walnut will gently patinate over time.

- Ensures longevity and water tightness, even if heavy or sharp objects land on it.
- Can be cleaned with Vim scouring powder and microfibre cloths working with the grain direction.
- Please consider - the unprotected nature of the timber means it can be prone to staining.

OIL (*Available in teak & walnut*)

Our oiled sinks are finished with a biocide free, vegetable based, food safe teak oil.

- Easy application of oil for maintenance and refreshment of the finish.
- Ensures longevity and water tightness, even if heavy pans and sharp objects are dropped.
- Simple cleaning with a microfibre or non-abrasive cloth in direction of the grain. Chemical cleaners not recommended.
- Please consider - requires regular oil application for effective protection.

Limescale

Please be aware, if our products are to be fitted in hard water areas, we strongly recommend the installation of a water softener. Limescale may be more easily visible on our products than on typical white ceramic items.





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HIGH PERFORMANCE LACQUER

This is a 10% sheen, factory applied PU lacquer on a specially formulated base coat which has unparalleled adhesion to the timber substrate. It is tough and hard wearing and can be cleaned using standard, non-abrasive bathroom cleaners such as Mr. Muscle. An occasional application of clear Osmo polyx oil or teak oil will lift the appearance and touch up minor blemishes. More significant damage to the polish film will require attention from a professional polisher. The use of limescale remover is compatible with this finish.

We add a non-slip compound to the finish when making shower trays, duckboards and floors. Remember, all furniture lacquers are hard compounds sitting on a (relatively) soft wood substrate. Any blow hard enough to compress the timber carries with it the risk of breaking the lacquer film. In summary, easy and convenient to live with as long as care is taken but the repair of damage which penetrates the surface must be undertaken by a professional polisher. WG can advise in this event.





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HOTWASH

Our hotwashing process repeatedly wets and flattens the timber until the impact of water no longer raises the grain. The result is a perfectly natural surface to the timber. For cleaning we use Vim; a traditional scouring powder which has a slight bleaching effect. Be aware that unpolished timber will absorb stains. However, Vim on a pan scourer is a highly effective cleaner, and this, combined with the effects of light and oxidation helps to soften stains. This is 'the don't worry about it' finish. It won't be pristine, but particularly in hard working environments it allows the great qualities of the timber to come to the fore. It will grow old well.





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OIL

We use Osmo teak oil. It is a high-quality product formulated without biocides and is food safe when cured. This is one of a family vegetable based products which combine ease of application and good resistance to water with ease of repair. Regular application is necessary to maintain effective protection of the timber surface. Limescale remover will strip oil finish back to the bare wood so must be avoided.

There is no doubt that an oil polish that is repeatedly soaked requires maintenance, but it is a perfectly practical proposition in a piece of furniture that is simply wiped clean with a damp cloth. In the early days a sink will benefit from regular oiling, but fairly rapidly the combination of oil, dust, light and oxidation that is the basis if patination will work its magic and within a year or two the surface will require almost no attention. This finish requires a regular maintenance regime, but it is wonderfully easy to repair.

