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Teak Cleaners



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ECO-100

- **100% Environmentally safe: non-toxic**
- **Concentrated** – Dilute with water
- No acid, caustic sodas or phosphates
- Removes mold & mildew stains
- Tough on dirt, gentle on teak
- Economical cleaning solution
- Cleans & brightens
- **Meets the Clean Marina Program**
- Design for the Environment – EPA recognized

ECO-300

- **100% Environmentally safe: non-toxic**
- **Pre-mixed** and ready-to-use
- No acid, caustic sodas or phosphates
- Biodegradable
- Tough on dirt, gentle on teak
- Adheres to the scrubbing pad
- Cleans & brightens - **provides a richer look**
- **Meets the Clean Marina Program**

ECO-100 Teak Cleaner Powder is a new high performance, concentrated teak cleaner. Even though **ECO-100 Teak Cleaner Powder** contains no acid, caustic sodas or phosphates, it is a very powerful and effective cleaner that cleans and brightens without removing the soft fibers of your teak. It mixes easily in water. This product has been formulated to be 100% environmentally-friendly and represents the most advanced truly “green” teak cleaner powder in the marine industry today. Teakdecking Systems **ECO-100 Teak Cleaner Powder** is the first teak cleaner powder recognized for safer chemistry by the EPA’s “Designed for the Environment” program.

ECO-300 Teak Cleaner Liquid has been formulated to be 100% environmentally-friendly and represents the most advanced teak cleaning liquid in the marine industry today. It contains no acid, caustic sodas or phosphates and is non-toxic to the user. **ECO-300 Teak Cleaner Liquid** is a new ready-to-use cleaner that cleans and brightens teak better than harsh chemical cleaners, restoring its original color. All ingredients are approved by the National Sanitation Foundation and meet requirements for a truly “green” teak cleaner liquid for the marine industry.



HOW TO CLEAN TEAK

A major portion of TEAKDECKING SYSTEMS' business is replacing existing teak decks that have been worn out through improper maintenance. Amazingly, many of these decks were destroyed not through neglect, but because their owners cleaned them too often and too thoroughly.

Overuse, or improper use, of two part caustic acid cleaners shortens the life of teak decks by actually eating away the teak. These cleaners should only be used when everything else has been tried. If they must be used, follow their instructions carefully. If you need to use such cleaners, protect your skin (hands, arms, bare feet, legs, and eyes). The caustic cleaner will also attack surrounding paint. The paint can be somewhat protected by wetting down the surfaces before starting and continuing to flush them during the cleaning process. Remember to flush topsides below scuppers and drains to prevent damage to the paint as the deck drains down the side of the hull. After using a two part cleaner, be sure to rinse the deck thoroughly. Any remaining cleaner will continue to "eat" the teak and surrounding surfaces. Remember – it is an acid.

Clearly, we do not recommend two part acid cleaners. TEAKDECKING SYSTEMS has developed **ECO-FRIENDLY** acid-free cleaners that are designed to be thorough, yet gentle. Please review the product labels or our web site to determine which product is best for your application. These cleaners can be obtained from one of our distributors, or directly from TEAKDECKING SYSTEMS. **DO NOT USE CHLORINE BLEACH** in an attempt to bleach the decks. Chlorine will attack most caulking products, turning them to goo.

The wood should be scrubbed across the grain with a soft scrubbing pad or a soft bristle brush. Scrubbing with the grain tears the soft grain out of the planks, leaving the surface rough. A rough, weathered deck exposes more of the wood to environmental deterioration. On larger areas, use of rotary cleaning machines with dispenser tanks and soft bristle brushes is appropriate.

Even with care, in time the surface of the wood will become uneven. When this happens, the deck should be lightly sanded with a sanding machine to smooth the surface. This will actually increase the life of the deck by exposing less wood to the elements and preventing the grain from trapping dirt or air-borne corrosives.

After the deck has been cleaned and flushed, notice any areas that remain wet after the rest of the deck has dried. Wetness may indicate a spot where the caulking in a seam has broken away from the teak, or a plug has gone bad. If so, these failures should be repaired immediately to prevent water from getting under the deck. Once water is under the teak, a number of things can happen, and none of them are good. If you can't make an immediate repair, duct tape the opening to seal it temporarily.



See our "How to Clean Teak" video on our Products page at:
www.teakdecking.com

