

# SEMCO



## Teak Care & Maintenance



**SEMCO** Cleaner and Sealers beautify, protect and preserve your Teak and Hardwood to provide long lasting natural looking protection. Our Care System will provide you with quality products and guidance to ensure your wood is protected throughout the seasons.



**MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS**

## Semco Teak Care System

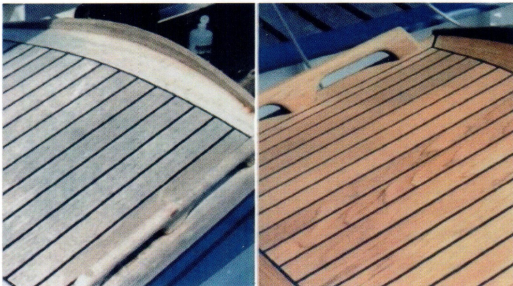
**What is it?** It is a three-part cleaning and sealing system for teak decks and other hardwood timbers. Our complete cleaner and sealer system will bring the full beauty and colour back to your wood and decking, keeping it looking like new. SEMCO teak cleaner and Sealer is an advanced chemical formulation that provides amazing results.

**Parts 1 & 2** are the **RED** and **GREEN** cleaning system, which will bring your decks back to life and their original colour. Now for the clever bit...

**Part 3** unlike any other competitor system, has a Semco sealer which is spirit based and easily applied to dry teak. It helps seal the teak from the ingress of water and dirt. Its unique formula contains an ultraviolet barrier, preventing teak from greying. Initially two thin coats are applied and any further top ups require only one coat applied at regular intervals. Complete instructions on how to apply the full system is outlined opposite. We further support by ensuring that this is duplicated also on all product labels.

Please ensure when using our product that caution is taken not to allow the cleaner to come in contact with alloys. Should the cleaner come in contact then it should be wiped off and water applied to dilute the solution or anodising will take place and may permanently tarnish/damage the surface.

### Transformation - Semco Cleaner & Sealer results



**“TOP TIP”** to determine if sealer should be applied, pour some fresh water onto your deck, if its absorbed, the probability is that another coat of sealer is needed. Should the water collect into globules then the sealer is adequate and the teak/wood is sealed.

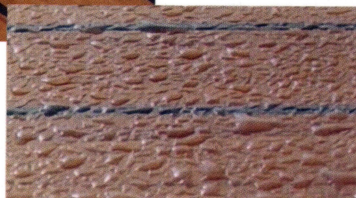
### 3 Steps to a brighter looking deck

**Step No 1.** A “**RED**” cleaning solution, which cleans deep into the surface of the teak without harming the timber. This is hand applied with scouring pads to ensure strict control of the solution and quality of the cleaning. Wipe off any excess red and loose dirt.

**Step No 2.** A “**GREEN**” neutralising solution is applied to finish the cleaning process and neutralise the “**RED**” cleaner. The deck is then washed with fresh water and allowed to thoroughly dry.



Water has been absorbed into the teak surface, time for more Semco Sealer



Water globules indicating that the teak is sealed and working well

**Step No 3.** Once the deck is absolutely dry, normally 24 to 48 hours (depending upon air temperature) two coats of Semco Sealer can be applied. The application of this sealer will keep your decks looking like new, preventing them from dirt ingress and turning grey. Using this sealer assists in waterproofing and also contains an ultra violet barrier, which together helps repel dirt and prolongs its life. “No more grey decks only teak-coloured ones” Once the sealer has been applied, no other cleaning should be required except for the occasional wash down with soapy water.

After six months it is recommended that another coat of Semco Sealer is applied. By reapplication you may never have to “clean” the decks again. In very hot climates such as the Mediterranean, it would be advisable for a sealer coat to be applied more frequently, perhaps every four months instead of six.

# A guide on how to clean your decks

**Equipment needed:** Two buckets, Green scourers, Small stiff bristled brush, Rubber gloves, Cloths, Knee pads and the Semco Teak Care System. Thoroughly wet an area of approximately 1 meter square and then apply the **RED**, part 1 cleaner, using the green scourer. You will see the timber turn red. Using the same green scourer, start the cleaning process by rubbing the grain. You will see the dirt lifting from the wood instantly, every now and then wash out the scourer and if needed add additional cleaner. Repeat this process until no more dirt is evident and you have finished the area. Remove any surface scum and dirt with a cloth. Now cover the same area with **GREEN**, part 2 cleaner, with a new scouring pad. You will see the timber lighten and returning back to the colour of fresh teak. Continue to rub/clean this area until it is uniformly one colour. Wipe down with a clean damp cloth. Continue this same process over the entire chosen area until complete. Ensure all excess cleaner is removed by thoroughly washing down with fresh water. When cleaning remember to overlap each area so not to leave a line in between each cleaned area. Leave the deck until it is completely dry. This will vary depending on air temperature but at least 24 hours, preferably 48hrs ensuring it's absolutely dry.

**Semco Sealer** Only when the deck is completely dry can the sealer be applied. Stir the sealer thoroughly and remember to keep it stirred at all times, preventing the pigment from settling. Using a clean cloth wipe on the sealer until the area you are covering is saturated. Now wipe off any excess cleaner ensuring an even coverage. A fresh coat of sealer is normally required every six months or sooner in hot climates. Remember it is the sealer that keeps your decks clean and keeps the greying away. To remove excess sealer from other areas then use our Semco Fender Cleaner.

**Ongoing Maintenance** Your decks should not need 'deep cleaning' again for some time. To remove surface pollution simply wash decks with a very soft brush and soapy water. Do not use cleaners or abrasive stiff brushes, as this will remove the sealer and the "greying" process will resume.