Teak Maintenance

The **Star Teak Line** from **Skipper's Line** is a dedicated three-step maintenance system specifically formulated for **tropical hardwoods** such as teak, mahogany, and iroko. These products are designed for use in areas where varnishing or painting is not practical or not desired, allowing the natural beauty of the wood to be preserved.

Tropical hardwoods exposed to the marine environment require regular maintenance to protect them from UV degradation, weathering, and surface contamination. The Star Teak Line cleans, restores, and protects the timber while maintaining its original, natural appearance.

Surface Preparation & Application

Step 1 – Star Teak Cleaner

Star Teak Cleaner is used to remove surface dirt, grease, and environmental contamination from the wood.

1. Thoroughly wet the wood surface with fresh water.
2. Apply **Star Teak Cleaner** evenly over the surface.
    - The product may be diluted with **three or more parts water**, depending on the level of contamination.
3. Allow the cleaner to remain on the surface for **5–10 minutes**.
4. Brush vigorously **along the grain** using a **nylon brush only**.
    - *Do not use wire brushes*, as these may damage the wood fibres.
5. Rinse thoroughly with fresh water.

After cleaning, if the wood appears greyed or blackened, colour restoration may be required using Star Teak Brightener.

Step 2 – Star Teak Brightener

Star Teak Brightener restores the natural colour of the wood and neutralises residues left after cleaning.

1. Wet the surface with fresh water.
2. Apply **Star Teak Brightener** evenly using a brush.
3. Allow the product to react for a few minutes.
4. Brush **along the grain** with a nylon brush to enhance the brightening effect.
5. Rinse thoroughly with fresh water and allow the surface to dry completely.

The process may be repeated if necessary to achieve the desired result.

Important: Do not apply Star Teak Brightener in hot conditions or direct sunlight.

Step 3 – Star Teak Sealer UV

Star Teak Sealer UV provides long-term protection while maintaining a natural, non-film-forming finish.

1. Ensure the surface is **clean, dry, and lightly sanded**.
2. Remove all dust and surface contaminants prior to application.
3. Apply the first coat of **Star Teak Sealer UV** evenly using a brush or application pad.
4. Allow the sealer to dry for **24 hours**.
5. Apply subsequent coats, allowing **1–2 hours between coats**, until the desired level of protection and appearance is achieved.

Key Benefits of the Star Teak Line

- Designed specifically for teak and other tropical hardwoods
- Restores and maintains natural colour
- Protects against UV damage and weathering
- Non-varnish system – natural look and feel
- Suitable for decks and exterior woodwork

1. Teak Maintenance System – for decks etc

No Coats	Product Name	Thinner	Coverage (m2/Lt)	Recoating (at 20˚C)
1-2	Star Teak Cleaner	1 part Cleaner with 3 or more parts of water		1-2 hours
1-2	Star Teak Brightener	Ready For Use		
2-4	Star Teak Sealer UV Oil	Ready For Use or use with 107	9-13	1-2 hours

** The product information is a general overview to help when deciding which product to use. Please see the product's technical data sheet for specific information.*