

About Shorea

Shorea, also known as Miranti, is a tropical hardwood which grows naturally and plentifully in the Pacific Rim countries of Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, and Burma. It is closely related to Tectona Grandis, or Burma Teak, and is therefore used in many outdoor furniture applications.

Shorea is abundant and very accessible, and is therefore a considerably less expensive choice over Teak for all outdoor applications. Shorea is very dense and hard, making it resistant to wearing and marring.

Like Teak, Shorea has a 12 percent moisture content. It is these natural oils which allow Shorea to withstand the effects of sun, rain, snow, and frost. The oils also make Shorea wood virtually maintenance free. If left untreated, Shorea will weather naturally over time to a warm shade of gray.

Because of its durability in outdoor applications and its availability, Shorea Wood allows us to provide our customers with premium, all wood, all weather furniture at an affordable price.

Care and Maintenance

Your furniture arrives in its natural state, without any oils or finishes. Upon completion of assembly, you may notice some staining from your hands, or possibly some water stains from shipping. Shorea is extremely dense, and therefore any staining will be only on the very surface of the wood, so any marks or abrasions can be easily removed by liberally sanding the wood with 100 grit, or medium sandpaper.

Shorea is strong enough and weather resistant enough to be left totally untreated. If left alone, your furniture will weather to a warm and soothing shade of gray.

If you prefer to prevent this natural weathering, or to enhance the luster and color of the wood, you may apply a coat of teak oil. If you allow your furniture to weather, and later decide to restore it to its original condition, use a Teak Cleaner first, and then you may apply the Teak Oil. These products are available at most hardware stores and boat dealers. **Avoid using any hard varnish or paint.**