

If you've used Sodium Hydroxide on Your Teak – Continue Reading

When Teak Guard fogs after application, it is usually because sodium hydroxide (SH) from a 2-part cleaner remains in the wood, even after neutralizing with oxalic acid.

To prevent fogging after using SH cleaners:

1. **Sand off the existing Teak Guard finish**
Remove the fogged Teak Guard coating completely.
2. **Neutralize remaining sodium hydroxide residue**
Dilute muriatic acid to approximately 10% strength and apply it to the teak wood surface.
3. **Allow dwell time**
Leave the solution on the wood for 2–3 minutes.
4. **Rinse thoroughly with water**
Completely rinse the surface to remove all acid residue and neutralize the SH.
5. **Clean the surface**
Rinse again using Teak Guard Super Cleaner diluted 1:1 or 1:2 with water.
6. **Test before full application**
Apply Teak Guard Finish to a small test area first to confirm all SH residue has been neutralized and no fogging occurs.
7. **Apply Teak Guard Finish**
Once the test area is clear, continue applying Teak Guard Finish as normal.