

# WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

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Wood patio furniture, with its substantial silhouettes, pleasing finishes and easy to maintain surfaces, can turn an outdoor room into a stylish escape and endure for decades with proper care. There are many choices on the market, all comparable in style and durability, and it just takes a little research to determine which is best for your lifestyle.



BARLOW TYRIE LINEAR SOFA SET



JENSEN TOPAZ SOFA SET



JENSEN TIVOLI SOFA SET

## TEAK

## IPÉ

## ROBLE

### ORIGIN

Originally from Asia, Teak is now also farmed on regulated plantations in the Americas.

Found in areas throughout Central and South America, some of the strongest Ipé comes from Eastern Bolivia.

Like Ipé, Roble is also prominent in Eastern Bolivia as well as other South American countries and has been popular in Europe for decades.

### FINISH

Teak's original honey brown shade will weather to a light taupe.

Naturally chocolate brown when new, Ipé will develop a silver patina from sun and weather exposure.

Roble is light brown with a goldish cast, making it easy to stain, but it also ages beautifully to a medium gray.

### MAINTENANCE

While most Teak is allowed to age gracefully, it requires more attention if maintaining the original color is desired, with regular oiling throughout the year. Its natural oils make it termite resistant.

Of the three, Ipé's original deep brown is the easiest to maintain with recommended oils only once a year, but natural oils in Ipé provide protection from the weather and insects without additional sealers.

To maintain Roble's golden hue, oiling twice a year is recommended.

### THINGS TO CONSIDER

Mature Teak can take up to 80 years to grow. Demand has resulted in young Teak being harvested, which is not as strong or durable as old-growth. However, cultivated (or plantation) Teak performs on par with old-growth Teak. Responsibly harvested Teak can withstand the outdoors for more than 25 years.

Ipé is one of the hardest woods — more than twice as strong as Teak and almost double in weight — and provides up to 50 years of outdoor service. It will also resist flames and sink in water.

Roble trees are particularly large, allowing for wide board cuttings with strength equal to Teak. Their outdoor lifespan is also in line with Teak at 25 years or more.

### COST

(Sofa, 2 Lounge Chairs, Coffee Table of comparable quality)

\$6,641, Barlow Tyrie Linear Sofa Set

\$5,522, Jensen Topaz Sofa Set

\$4,387, Jensen Tivoli Sofa Set

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