



Tips and Maintenance – It's Time to Get Your Teak On: So there you are, twitching your thumbs on the verge of a breakdown because you've had to put your beloved MasterCraft up for the winter. But there is no better way to cope with this than to give your MC some love. In this month's tips and maintenance, we give you basic instructions on how to give some TLC to your teak platform*. And we went to the guy who knows his stuff about MasterCrafts, Team MasterCraft Member #0001, Harold Page!

As Harold says, "Boarding platforms need love too!" And by the looks of his teak platform and all of the Best of Show MasterCraft Reunion trophies he's glean from it, he really believes what he says. So get your printers ready and print out these simple directions; the back of your MasterCraft will definitely appreciate it!

Step 1:

Clean platform methodically with soap and water and allow it to dry thoroughly.

Step 2:

Once the platform is dry, begin block sanding with 400 grit wet/dry sandpaper. Make sure you keep the platform wet, using soapy water as you sand down the rough surfaces.

Step 3:

After the platform has dried, apply a coat of [Star brite™](#) Teak Sealer. It applies somewhat like paint, so use a fine brush. Most importantly, be patient and let it dry real well. Then sand with 600 grit wet/dry sandpaper.



Step 4:

Apply another layer of [Star brite™](#) Teak Sealer and let it dry. Sand with 1000 grit wet/dry sandpaper.

Step 5:

Apply another layer of [Star brite™](#) Teak Sealer and let it dry. Sand with 1500 grit wet/dry sandpaper.

Step 6:

Apply another layer of [Star brite™](#) Teak Sealer and let it dry. Sand with 2000 grit wet/dry sandpaper.

Step 7:

Now apply FINAL coat of [Star brite™](#) Teak Sealer but consider applying last coat by hand only. If you do, you will get less lint and trash in it, giving you a platform that is finished like a fine piece of furniture.

Final Notes:

- Applying furniture polish or wax after the last coat of sealer has dried is OPTIONAL. Regardless, the platform will not be slippery.
- This finish, once dry, does not dilute or wash off onto clothing, life jackets or water equipment.
- To maintain this look, all that is left is annual maintenance. About a year from now, lightly



sand the platform with 2000 grit sandpaper and put on a light coat of sealer. If you do this once a year, you can easily maintain the look of your platform. You may have to do a little more work year-to-year if you do some damage to it with ski or wakeboard fins.

- Cost estimate:
 - Sandpaper - \$25-35
 - Sealer - \$15-25 (depending on size container you purchase)
 - Misc supplies (i.e. brushes) - \$15-20
 - Time – 15-18 hours
 - TOTAL: \$55-80 plus 15 to 18 hours of time



Good luck with this project* and may it frighten some of those winter blues away!

*These tips are from Harold Page, a loyal MasterCraft owner. MasterCraft does not officially endorse anyone's maintenance techniques and therefore, cannot be held accountable for any outcome of any project.

