



GENERAL CARE & MAINTENANCE GUIDE

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CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF LEATHER UPHOLSTERY

Leather has a reputation for durability, but not all leathers are the same. A higher price does not necessarily mean longer durability. For example aniline leathers will give a very soft natural effect but will be much less resistant to soiling and wear than pigmented leather.

Leather, especially pull-up leathers, have a tendency to wear unevenly, particularly in areas of high wear such as arm rest and seat cushions.

Leather requires very little care with normal use.

ALL LEATHERS

- Avoid leaving furniture in prolonged sunlight, which can result in fading/discoloration
- Avoid direct heat from fires and radiators which can dry out and distort the leather
- Avoid using saddle soap or wax polishes
- Avoid using general household cleaning products, chemicals are not recommended as they break down the protective surface

ANILINE LEATHER

- Blot spills immediately with an absorbent dry cloth
- Do not rub the leather
- Do not use detergent products

SEMI-ANILINE LEATHER

- Wipe off stains and spills immediately with a soft lightly damp cloth taking care not to soak the leather as water staining may occur
- Use pure mild soap solution for light marks
- Extra care should be taken as these leathers can be damaged by spillages and soiling

PROTECTED LEATHER

Routine Cleaning

- Dust regularly with a soft lint free cloth
- Vacuum regularly with a soft brush as dust and crumbs, especially under seat cushions, can cause premature wearing
- Dampen a clean dry cloth with a solution of mild soap and water and wring it out well
- To avoid leaving marks moisten the entire surface evenly and lightly

Spillages

- Blot excess liquid immediately with a clean absorbent cloth or sponge
- Gently wipe the spill with clear lukewarm water, cleaning the entire area where the spill occurred
- Dry with a clean cloth and then allow to dry naturally, never use a hairdryer or apply direct heat

Beware of ballpoint pens, glue, lipstick, scissors, and other nasties. Leather may be durable but it's not indestructible!