

Caring for your furniture

LEATHER UPHOLSTERY

With the right care you can prolong the life of your upholstered furniture. It is useful to have a regular maintenance routine and we can also help recommend specific cleaners and care packs for your leather sofa or chair.

Leather is a natural product which is warm and breathes. Leather displays traces of its origin such as scars, brands and creases, which makes each hide beautifully unique. These marks add character and do not affect the wearing qualities of the product.

Leather is highly resilient and durable over time and if carefully looked after will last for years.

If you have bought one of our waxed aniline leather products it is important to know how such a natural and beautiful product has been made, and how to care for it. The full grain hides used for aniline leather have been selected as the very top graded due to their thickness and quality (only 5% of all hides make the grade). This means that following a carefully applied wax coating it retains the most soft and supple feel, unlike cheaper leathers which need to be coated and buffed repeatedly and therefore can almost feel like plastic.

The natural wax that is applied still allows the leather to breathe but may be removed from the surface if scratched – don't worry as this can be buffed out with a conditioner and means your furniture develops its own beautiful patina over time. This type of leather is susceptible to spills so ensure you clean these up quickly with a recommended leather cleaner.

Please read below for our Top Tips on how to look after your leather furniture:



- ✘ Do not place your sofa in direct sunlight as this will accelerate the natural discolouration process.
- ⚠ Perspiration and natural oils from the hair and skin can have a damaging effect on the finish of leather. This varies from person to person and can change as a result of medication or diet.
- ✓ We recommend cleaning where hands, bare arms or heads rest on the hide and is likely to be required a couple of times a week.
- ✓ Take care to wipe the leather when cleaning and do not use a rubbing action.
- ✘ Do not use furniture polish on upholstery leather.
- ⚠ Keep leather furniture at least 30cm from any heat source, such as radiators.
- ⚠ In the event of a spillage do not rub into the leather as this will cause staining. Use absorbent paper towels to raise from the leather and then dab the area lightly with clean towels.
- ⚠ Non-colourfast clothing such as denim can stain light coloured leather if it comes into regular contact.
- ⚠ Sharp objects such as zips on clothing may scratch the surface of the leather.
- ✘ Avoid sitting on the arms or edges of cushions as this may cause uneven wear and shape distortion.
- ✓ Any natural marks, variations in grain, small scars and Insect bites should not be considered as defects. The characteristics only appear on real and natural leather and exist as proof of authenticity.
- ✓ It is perfectly normal for certain areas of the leather to show signs of stretching and creasing and this is not detrimental to the wearing of the leather.
- ✓ Rotate and plump loose cushions to avoid uneven wear and maintain their appearance. Reversible seat cushions should be turned weekly. You may have a favourite spot on your sofa but try and use every seat regularly to ensure even wear. It is normal for seat interiors to lose around 10% of their density during the first 3 months.

As soon as you receive your furniture we recommend that you clean and condition as below and then continue to care for your product as follows:-

Weekly Maintenance

use a soft non-abrasive cloth to remove dust (may be very lightly dampened with water)

Every 3-4 months

use a recommended specialist cleaning solution to remove dirt and build up, then follow with a specialist conditioner to nourish and protect the leather.

We are here to help. If you have a question or a problem, please call or email us. We can also advise you on our Care Plan and the best products to clean your furniture.

Our Care Plan

Providing you peace of mind to enjoy your new furniture for years to come.



Easy Care Kits

Helping you clean and protect your leather upholstery



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