



## **Leather Care Guide**

Leather furniture can last longer and perform better, when preventative maintenance is practiced. When properly cared for, all leathers keep their special look and feel.

### **Room Temperature**

It is important to keep the home and office where your furniture is placed properly humidified. Natural products such as leather require a reasonable level of temperature and humidity. Position your leather furniture away from direct sunlight, high-wattage lights, heating and air conditioning registers. These remove necessary moisture from leather that may cause additional cracks or splits.

### **Genuine Leather Characteristics**

It is important to remember that due to its genuine features, leather has natural wrinkles as well as color and texture variations. No two pieces of leather are the same; they all have slight variances of color and grain. There are four main characteristics or "blemishes" of natural leather: scratches, wrinkles, insect bites and natural healed scars.

### **Sofa Handling Precautions**

If one particular seat or back becomes 'worn in' or the seat's firmness changes, these are normal occurrences for all upholstered furniture. In order to ensure that cushions return to their intended look, you can simply model or smooth the cushions by hand. Do not drag the sofa on rough surface, such as carpets, floors covered with blankets, etc.

Slowly lift up the sofa and move it even on smooth surface. Do not jump on the sofa or sit on the arm or back. If the sofa needs to be moved, avoid lifting from the armrest and arm pillows, the correct way to move the sofa is by lifting from the base or underside of the arms. Never move the sofa by pushing or pulling it.

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Following are some tips on how to preserve the look of your furniture. Furniture in daily use is exposed to various strains caused by external factors, for example body oils, perspiration, general wear and tear and color transfer from jeans.

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- Maintain surface appearance and texture by gently wiping your leather once a week with a clean dry cloth or vacuum with a soft brush. This will remove dust and build-up.
- Dab spills immediately using a soft cloth.
- Avoid leather cleaners which use harmful chemical products.
- Leather is a natural product and any stress will result in tears.
- Leather has limited elasticity. This means that when stretched, it does not completely return to its original shape. Therefore, when leather furniture is used more or less intensively, the leather may become loose over time.
- Leather like any other natural material can fade when exposed to direct sunlight over a long period of time. To minimize fading, avoid placing your furniture in direct sunlight.
- Leather is not resistant to animals. Allowing pets on your leather furniture is not recommended. Their claws may scratch the leather which can lead to an expensive repair. Their saliva is acidic and may also harm the leather finish.
- Evade stubborn stains & protect your leather by avoiding household chemicals such as detergents, window cleaners, bleach and finger nail polish, nail polish remover, glue, shoe polish, paint, and other corrosive materials.
- Remove greasy spills, by gently blotting up the spill with a clean white cloth. Moisten a white cloth with water and a neutral, colorless soap and wipe the stain from the outside towards the center. Remove any residual soap with a damp white cloth, and dry the area with a clean white towel.
- Do not use any traditional household products to remove stubborn stains. Many of these are harsh and cannot be guaranteed safe for use on leather.
- Do not use a steamer to clean the leather.
- Please avoid any leaning, sitting or reaching over the back of the sofa. If pillow cushions are sewn to the frame, any pulling or tugging might result in a tear.
- To keep your cushions looking fluffy and new, avoid sitting in one area and use the seating areas evenly.

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