



Care Guide: Specialty Leather

Good quality leather will generally outlast fabric, especially when used in a vehicle. The key to extending this longevity is proper care. Too often, the assumption is that leather is maintenance-free. However, that's not true.

The following guide provides directions on how to care for aniline wax pull-up, oil pull-up, distressed, nubuck, suede and other specialty leathers.

How to Clean Spills

Leather will initially repel most liquids. However, if liquids are left to sit over an extended period of time they will be absorbed. Therefore, it's important to clean spills immediately. Here's how:

1. Blot liquid immediately with a clean absorbent cloth or sponge. If necessary, moisten the cloth with clear, lukewarm water and gently wipe the spill.
2. If water is used, clean the entire area where the spill occurred.
3. Dry with a clean towel and allow to air dry. Do not dry leather with heat dryers, hair dryers, etc.

Various types of leather will respond to liquid in different ways. However, even if a spill is absorbed, it should dissipate over time depending on the finish.

Aniline leathers that do not have heavy protective coatings are quite susceptible to staining, and therefore require extra attention.

How to Clean a Dry Stain

Removing a dry stain is a slightly more involved process. Here's how to do it:

1. Dissolve a very small amount of plain soap in lukewarm water.
2. Moisten a soft sponge or cloth with the solution and gently wipe the stain.
3. Wipe the entire area with a damp, soap-free cloth.
4. Absorb any excess water (there should be almost none) with a clean towel.
5. Allow to air dry. Do not dry leather with heat dryers, hair dryers, etc.

Warning

Never use saddle soaps, oils, abrasives, cleaners, furniture polish, varnish or ammonia water on leather interiors.

Also, stay away from standard leather cleaners or conditioners, as they are not intended for use on aniline (unprotected) leathers. If you are in need of cleaner or conditions, we recommend Leather Master by Uniter S.p.A.