

## FINISHED LEATHERS

**Care for your FINISHED LEATHER by keeping it free of dust and direct sun, being mindful of the products you use on it, and following these detailed guidelines here:**

### **PIGMENTED OR FINISHED LEATHER DESCRIPTION:**

Finished leather is aniline-dyed in the same way as Aniline leather but has additional pigmented colors and topcoats applied to the surface to add consistency and protection from staining. Hides may be lightly sanded [corrected] to even out any imperfections in the hide, but also can be embossed with a grain to provide consistent texture to the surface. It is the industry workhorse being easy to maintain and having substantial film formers on the surface to protect.

Finished leather is still very supple and natural, but the mechanical spray application of pigmented formula and topcoat, allows for the appearance of fewer defects and it has more protection than Aniline leather. A clear top coat is applied for protection. These finishes are soft and breathable yet highly durable, and help resist spotting, staining and color fading. The finish acts as a barrier and provides protection from soiling, fading, and wear.

### **FINISHED LEATHER CLEANING PROCEDURES:**

- Use a leather cleaner that has a pH of 4-6
- Dampening a white cotton rag with approved leather cleaner or use a The Leather Institute's Finished Leather Cleaning Wipe
- Never apply cleaner directly to the leather, always apply the cleaner to the leather using a cotton rag
- Using moderate pressure, rub the leather in a circular motion to remove all cleaning agents, oils, soil and other foreign substances from the leather

- Allow no less than five minutes to air dry before continuing
- Dust or vacuum leather surfaces weekly to remove light topical soil
- Use The Leather Institute's Finished Leather Cleaner for heavier soil, Ink and Stain Remover™ for more difficult stains and Conditioner and Protector to restore moisture and provide a protective barrier is recommended
- Complete a deeper clean with leather cleaner and then conditioner, twice yearly for upholstered pieces that receive moderate use and monthly for those that are used more often
- Blot spills immediately with a soft absorbent white cloth, then gently clean, condition
- Specially formulated color-matched pigments are available for minor repair of scratches in finished leathers. Some skill and experience is required for this re-finishing. Instruction and training is advised, contact The Leather Institute for help and education

### **LEATHER INSTITUTE PRODUCTS FOR FINISHED LEATHERS:**

- Conditioner and Protector - *cleans and conditions*
- Color Restore (Conditioning Oil) - *can be used to enhance color and condition fibers it helps revive color [used before Conditioner or ASN Protector]*
- Ink Stick – *ink removal*
- Finished Leather Cleaner – *cleans the leather*
- Finished Leather Cleaning Wipes – *cleans the leather*

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