



# LEATHER UPHOLSTERY

## Basic Leather Cleaning

### INTRODUCTION

Approximately 80% of all leather furniture and almost all automobiles will be protected leather. Protected leather has a pigment coat applied over the surface and is sealed by a finish of polyurethane resins. In fact, as long as the finish is intact, you are cleaning the finish and not the leather itself.

### PROCEDURE

- **STEP 1**  
Identify the leather as protected. A fingernail will not scratch to a lighter color. Water does not absorb into the leather, thereby not darkening the leather. Color is consistent from panel to panel.
- **STEP 2**  
Pretest by cleaning a side of the cushion which does not show. Once you are assured it is a protected leather, then proceed.
- **STEP 3**  
Apply Strong Cleaner to a sponge and squeeze repeatedly to create foam. Apply to leather panel and work sponge in a circular motion. Wipe up foam with terry cloth towel. Repeat as necessary. Position Air King to dry leather that has been cleaned.
- **STEP 4**  
Once leather is uniformly clean and dry to the touch, apply Protection Cream with a soft cloth. Spread evenly across the leather and let dry naturally.

### Chemicals Needed



**Strong Cleaner**  
**Type:** *Water-based leather cleaner*  
**Highlights:** *Removes soil and oil buildup on leather*



**Protection Cream**  
**Type:** *Water-based leather protector*  
**Highlights:** *Protects against oil-water-alcohol based stains and other soiling.*



**Leather Specialist Kit**  
**Contents:** *All the leather products you will use most*  
**Highlights:** *Comes in a heavy-duty tool box.*

### Accessories Needed



**Sponges**  
**Description:** *Absorbent material*  
**Purpose:** *Used with Strong Cleaner to create foam for cleaning leather. Aids in agitation and soil absorption*



**Soft Cloth**  
**Description:** *Lint-free cloth*  
**Purpose:** *Used for applying all creams, finishes, colors, and some spotters.*



**Terry Cloth Towels**  
**Description:** *15"x26" Absorbent terry cloth*  
**Purpose:** *Removes chemical and soil during leather cleaning.*



**Air King**  
**Description:** *High volume air mover*  
**Purpose:** *Aids in rapid drying of leather after cleaning.*

### HELPFUL HINTS –



Make sure that where leather touches leather, it is dry so when Protection Cream is applied, the leather will not stick together.



**CAUTION** – If leather darkens in any area, then the finish may be damaged, and aggressive agitation may remove pigment.

### QuickGuide



### PROCEDURE

- 1 Identify - fingernail and water test
- 2 Pretest in inconspicuous area
- 3 Apply **Strong Cleaner**, wipe off residue with terry cloth towel.
- 4 Dry with **Air King** and apply **Protection Cream**.

## Other Resources

Basics of Leather Cleaning Profit Builder Course and Manual  
 LM100 Instruction Booklet for Leather Cleaning and Restoration Products.

Leather Video

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