



UPHOLSTERY

Protected 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 the leather to a lighter color. Water does not darken protected leather because it does not soak into it. 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.

Quick Guide



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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