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CLEANING - ANILINE STYLE LEATHERS

For the purpose of CLEANING we have included in this section all leather that absorbs moisture within a minute or so of application, (test absorbency with LTT Strong Cleaner)

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Because the leathers only have light surface protection (shown by absorbency rate) they will also absorb dirt and spillages more readily, this will make cleaning less effective because dirt will only clean off the surface of leather and not out of it.

The other problem you will encounter is that the leather will absorb your cleaning product, which means you will have to work quickly and in small areas.

CAUTION: Excessive body oils (from hair, skin etc.) show as dark areas that mark pale when scratched. These will not clean off and will require special treatment beyond simple cleaning.

Absorbent leathers will usually go dark when they absorb product but should dry back to normal quite quickly. It is best to test this in several places to get used to the reaction and ensure it dries without dramatic shading. Some shade change would be expected.

ITEMS REQUIRED

LTT Strong Cleaner <http://www.leatherclinic.co.uk/subcategory.asp?category=2>

Sponge (not natural)

LTT Ultra Protect <http://www.leatherclinic.co.uk/subcategory.asp?category=4>

Paper towel or Terry Towels

Aniline leather comes in various styles and they will all react slightly differently. The main factor when cleaning Aniline and sensitive leathers is how quickly the leather absorbs your cleaning foam and the size of area you clean at any time will be dictated by this.

PROCESS: Apply foam to your sponge and gently agitate the foam on the surface until it starts to dissipate, rinse the sponge, add more

foam and start to move over the surface. Try not to over wet by concentrating on any one area, it is best to give a general clean rather than clean individual areas.

Once you have covered an area (seat, back, arm etc.) dry the area with a hair dryer and re-clean if you feel it is necessary. ** Clean the whole piece/suite as above and dry.

After cleaning all aniline style leathers should be treated with LTT Ultra Protect <http://www.leatherclinic.co.uk/subcategory.asp?category=4> which will inhibit grease and dirt from being absorbed into the leather and make subsequent cleaning easier. Spray a thin mist over the surface and even out with a white cloth. It is normal to see some colour transference during this stage.

**Because Aniline style leather has a greater tendency to absorb stains than Protected/Pigmented leather, do not expect to remove all the marks. If regular maintenance cleaning is carried out any stains will blend in to the overall look of the furniture

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