LEATHER CARE GUIDELINES

ANILINE LEATHERS

Care for your ANILINE 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:

ANILINE LEATHER DESCRIPTION:
Aniline leather is leather that is drum-dyed using transparent aniline dyes with a soft, supple hand and does NOT have a pigment finish. This allows all the beautiful natural markings and color variations to show through. Each hide is unique. Some aniline leathers do have a clear top coat, but this provides only limited protection from staining.

Aniline leather is leather that is very close to its natural, purest state, with no surface protection. These leathers are dyed only with transparent colors, most similar to staining wood, and are different from Finished leathers that have opaque pigments, most similar to paint, on the surface.

Aniline leathers are characterized by the lack of film formers on the surface and are subsequently porous and will absorb items spilled. Aniline leathers can be treated with ASN Protector by The Leather which will act as a barrier against surface contamination.

Tipped Aniline leathers would fall under the same protocol as pure Aniline, therefore follow the same directions here.

ANILINE LEATHER CLEANING PROCEDURES:
- Cleaning Aniline leathers can be a difficult endeavor, as the cleaning agents will immediately darken nude leather
- It is very important to use deionized water as hard water containing minerals may cause rings
- Use Finished Leather Cleaner or deionized water, do not soak, and gently rub the affected area
- Remove light topical soil by gently wiping with a water dampened soft white cloth
- Blot spills immediately
- Heavier soil should be cleaned with an absorbent white cloth dampened with water and mild non-detergent soap or leather cleaner
- Do not scrub
- Allow leather to air dry away from direct heat
- If the soil is water based, dampen a cloth and feather the edges
- If the soil is oil or grease based, the first step is to use cornstarch as an absorbent
- Place cornstarch directly over affected area and gently rub with finger until it coagulates with the oil
- Repeat as necessary
- If the stain is still evident, dampen a cloth with Odorless Mineral Spirits and feather the edges of the stain
- It must be noted that cleaning does not necessarily equate to cosmetic improvement

DO NOT USE:
- any saddle soaps,
- oils,
- abrasives,
- furniture polish,
- varnish
- ammonia water.

These will affect the color and the look of your Aniline leather.

LEATHER INSTITUTE PRODUCTS FOR ANILNE LEATHERS:
- ASN Protector – *provides a barrier coat that helps prevent staining and should be applied to prevent immediate absorption of spilled items*
- 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 Scotchgard or CCP]*
- Finished Leather Cleaner – *can be used for stain treatment when applied to a cloth with light pressure. Wipes are not suggested.*

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