

CARING FOR CRAFTSMANSHIP LEATHER

Timothy Oulton leathers are typically aniline, ensuring that the natural richness and feel of the leather's original surface is maintained and celebrated as much as possible. Real leather is a natural product and as such, will often bear the hallmarks of its origin. Characteristics including scars, branding marks, creases and areas of grain variance are not detrimental to the durability of the product, they emphasise that authentic hides have been used rather than printed reproductions.

The natural and uncoated finish of Timothy Oulton leathers may acquire marks or colour discrepancies through wear and tear, for example when coming into contact with belt buckles or studding. This is normal and enriches the leather's character and individuality over time.

Timothy Oulton offers a variety of leathers with different textures and finishes. It is important to note that softer hides may well develop wrinkles and creases during their first few weeks of use. This is normal and not a cause for concern. In the same way that new shoes need some breaking in, so does your leather sofa. Leather is naturally elastic and will stretch with use, this is not a defect but an inherent natural characteristic of leather.

Leather is one of the easiest upholstery materials to look after. It is naturally durable and grows more beautiful with age. Well-made leather furniture is an investment, and with a little bit of love and attention it can last for generations. We offer the following advice to help you care for your leather upholstery.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

- Lightly dust and vacuum on a regular basis.
- Do not place your leather too close to a heat source, as it may cause it to crack and age prematurely.
- Protect your leather from direct sunlight and moonlight, as it may cause it to fade, discolour or crack. All leathers will fade over time, but darker colours may fade faster in direct sunlight.
- Avoid sitting on the arms, back or very edge of your leather furniture as this may cause distortion and/or damage.
- Be aware that clothing with transferable dyes, such as blue jeans, could transfer the dye onto light-coloured leather furniture.
- Never use "standard" cleaning products to remove dust, spills or stains from leather. Refer to the specialist care instructions below or use a reputable and recognised professional leather specialist.

SWATCHES & IMAGES

Any displayed leather swatches or images of products displayed in leather are representative of the colour only and shading will differ.

LEATHER SHADE DIFFERENCES

If a single order is made involving multiple products of the same leather colour every effort is made to ensure that the leathers used match in shade as closely as possible. Due to the hand-dyeing process involved in the manufacture of leathers some differences in shading can occur. Any leather products ordered at different times across multiple orders will likely not match in shade.

**For advice on what leather is best for you and your home please contact Stocktons directly on 0161 273 5331 or visit our Manchester Store.