

NATURAL LEATHER CARE & MAINTENANCE



Material Properties

Just like teak, natural leather will change in both colour and character when left outside and exposed to the elements. Initially the leather harden slightly under exposure to the sun and the colour of the leather will also darken. There will be some shrinkage and expansion as the leather is exposed to sun and rain. How much is hard to anticipate, as no two pieces of leather will show exactly the same characteristics. As with any item left permanently outside and exposed to the elements, regular cleaning is recommended. We also advise furniture is covered in the winter months if possible.

Cleaning

We recommend regular cleaning of leather using Glycerine Soap (Saddle Soap), which is a proprietary compound used for the cleaning, conditioning, and protecting of the leather used in equestrian saddles and bridles. Glycerine Soap is simply applied to the leather with a clean damp sponge, rubbed on until the soap is absorbed, and then left to dry and finally rubbed over with a clean cloth. The application of Glycerine Soap will have the effect of making the leather appear darker in colour. The leather will also darken naturally, due to UV exposure.

As additional maintenance step, the use of a leather dressing/conditioner (Hamamol) will add a protective layer to the leather. This is an optional step - if the cleaning is conducted regularly with Glycerine Soap then there should be no need for using a dressing.