

# Leather care

Here are some tips that will help keep leather looking like new.

Regular cleaning and maintenance is essential to preserve the quality of the leather by removing skin oils, dust, dirt, and perspiration. It is also important to pay extra attention to areas that come in direct contact with your skin. By being diligent with cleaning, you can extend the lifespan of your leather products and maintain their appearance for longer.

- Hair products and skin oils will chemically attack the finish of the leather.
- Exposure to sunlight and/or extreme light sources will lead to discoloration and potential damage.
- Dark jeans and other clothing have a high risk of dye transfer to the leather, especially when the leather is lighter in color.
- Sharp objects easily puncture and cut through leather.

## **Step 1: Remove excess dirt and impurities:**

We recommend wiping up any dust first, paying particular attention to areas where particles will accumulate, such as the area between the seat and the back and armrest cushions.

## **Step 2: Avoid ammonia and bleach:**

Using any abrasive products that contain ammonia or bleach can remove the color directly from your leather. Repeated cleanings with products like Windex, Lysol for example, can leave your leather furniture stained, tarnished and damaged.

## **Step 3: What you'll need:**

- a) The leather should be cleaned with a solution of mild soap and water (a mild soap will have a neutral pH, so it is not harsh on your skin and therefore not harsh on the leather).
- b) Adding a few drops of Dawn dish soap to your mix will help remove buildup quickly. 2-3 drops of soap per liter of water are enough.
- c) Use a slightly higher concentration to remove more excessive dirt.
- d) Clean aniline leathers only with a new, clean, slightly damp cloth and then wipe off the excess immediately with a dry cloth.

Do not use any other type of soap on aniline leathers. It is important not to saturate the leather.

It is imperative not to rub too hard by insisting on a localized area. Always test the soapy solution in a less visible area of the sofa to ensure that the solution does not damage the leather. Using certain conditioners or treatments on your furniture will void the manufacturer's warranty. Inadequate leather care due to treatment with a leather cream or conditioner not approved by Fornirama voids the warranty related to the overlay.