

# **LEATHER CARE AND CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS**

## FINISHED/ SMOOTH LEATHER

- For regular care and cleaning, dust periodically with a dry cloth to remove residual dust and prevent dirt from building up.
- No harsh cleaners or solvents should ever be used on the leather, as they could abrade the finish or topcoat off the article.
- For stubborn stains and spills, a lightly damp cloth with warm water should be blotted on the stain to lift and remove it. If this does not work, a mild soap and water solution (Palmolive or Dawn) should be mixed and then blotted to release the stain and then blot again with dry cloth. This should never be done heavily or in a scrubbing motion.

Specially formulated products such as leather cleaner and conditioner can be used to rejuvenate fine leather surfaces, however, some leathers are inherently sensitive so these products should be spot tested before overall use.

## NUBUCK, SUEDE OR UNFINISHED UPHOLSTERY LEATHER

- Naked, nubuck, suede or unfinished upholstery leather has no protective film on its surface, making it susceptible to soiling and staining.
- Regular cleaning of Nubuck/Suede can best be done using a vacuum cleaner, following by brushing the nap back up using a soft nylon brush.
- When spills do occur, blot excess liquid immediately with a clean white absorbent cloth or sponge. If necessary, use clear lukewarm water and a clean, white cloth that is well wrung and gently wipe the spill dry using a blow dryer. At the same time, brush the affected area with a soft nylon brush.
- Light soiling, dry stains and marks can sometimes be removed by using a pencil eraser or a dry cleaning pad to gently rub the affected area. Finish by vacuuming and brushing the nap with a nylon brush.
- Butter, oil and grease are real problems for Nubuck. First wipe off excess butter, oil or grease using a clean, white, drycloth. Do not apply water to these types of stains because it usually pushes the stain in deeper or smears it. After wiping up the excess, leave it alone as the spot should dissipate into the leather in a short period of time.
- If the spot does not dissipate in several days, try sprinkling the area with baby powder or baking flour, then cover it with a damp towel. Allow this to set for about one hour. Remove the damp cloth, dry with a blow dryer, vacuum up the flour and brush the nap back up using a soft nylon brush. Repeat this procedure until the spot is removed.
- Ink or marker stains can sometimes be removed by using a pen eraser or a dry cleaning pad. In most cases, this lightens up the mark, but will not remove it completely.
- Sanding the ink or marker stain with 400-grit sandpaper will also help lighten the mark, but caution should be taken because this can also lighten the color of the area being sanded.

**DO NOT USE CLEANING CHEMICALS ON NUBUCK OR SUEDE.**