

## LEATHER UPHOLSTERY CARE

Leather is the world's first and finest upholstery fabric. Leather's unique features of varying pore density, fat creases, and range scars, provide a "one-of-a-kind" piece of furniture. These character lines are a natural landscape drawn by life and are appreciated for the uniqueness of design that can be found only in leather. These should not be viewed as flaws but as natural beauty marks. Every hide is an original work of art.

With just a little care, your leather furniture will provide years of service and beauty. Oskar Huber also offers a Leather Warranty Program that can be purchased along with your order. For general leather care, we sell leather cleaner from Hide Bracer that will maintain leather as it guards against premature wear out.

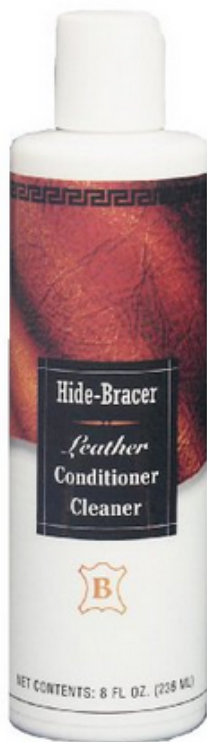
### General Care and Cleaning Tips:

- **Remove dust.** Dust your leather with a soft, dry, cotton cloth on a regular basis. Dust and oils from human skin can wear down the leather over time. Do not use an abrasive brush or a microfiber cloth.
- **Avoid direct sunlight.** No color or finish is exempt from fading.
- **Avoid extreme temperatures** that would cause your leather to dry and crack. Placing leather next to radiators and air conditioners increases the drying of the leather and may require costly service to restore the suppleness of the leather.
- **Blot up spills quickly** with a clean white cloth, sponge or paper towel (dry or damp, but NEVER wet). Never use water on oil or grease spills.
- **Never allow liquids to remain on leather.** For grease or oil, use talcum or baking powder to absorb as much as possible.
- **Be protective.** In order to avoid stubborn stains, protect your leather when using household chemicals e.g., (most) domestic detergents, such as window cleaners, bleach and finger nail polish, nail polish remover, glue, shoe polish, paint, and corrosive materials.
- **Do not use solvents and oils.** Avoid domestic detergents and ALL products containing solvents and oils, as they may destroy your leather surface. Do not use any traditional household products to remove stubborn stains. Many of these are harsh and cannot be guaranteed safe for use on leather. Soap is alkaline and no matter how gentle the soap is, it will dull the finish and damage the delicate pH of leather. Also avoid leather care products made with animal fats including mink oil, lanolin-based products, neat's foot oil, etc.
- **Do not use a steamer** to clean the leather.
- **Do not leave newspapers on leather furniture.** The ink in the newsprint may rub off and onto the leather. This is true for all upholstery.

- **Call in the professionals.** Holes, nicks, tears, burns and stains can all be repaired and re-dyed to the original look. If an accident like this occurs, call us and we will see that a qualified leather repair service technician in your area calls on you to fix the leather injury. Do not attempt to repair damages or stains yourself. Take extra care with sharp instruments and animal claws. Leather is much stronger than upholstery, but will scratch and puncture with force.

### **Hide-Bracer: Leather Cleaner & Conditioner**

To retain its beauty and other desirable qualities, leather requires conditioning to replace the natural lubricants lost during normal use. Unless provided with proper care and protection, excessive dryness can cause leather to crack and too much moisture can cause it to eventually stiffen as it dries out.



Unprotected leather is highly susceptible to spotting from water and other liquids. Water and detergents contain minerals and chemicals that when dry will remain on the leather causing further deterioration of the natural fiber.

The use of too much oil or wax can clog pores. When this happens, leather loses its ability to allow air in and moisture out. Even worse, oils and wax attract dirt and dust particles, which actually cut the microscopic fibers that make leather so strong and durable. To avoid this type of problem, we recommend Hide-Bracer Leather Cleaner and Conditioner, which is available for sale in our showrooms.

Hide-Bracer cleans without stripping oils, conditions without clogging the pores, and provides water resistance without sealing the leather surface. Hide-Bracer helps prevent leather from drying out and cracking, and protects against the staining and discoloration that can occur from contact with water, body oils, cosmetics, lotions, hair sprays, perspiration and other soiling agents. It is a non ionic in nature, meaning that it was developed to be compatible with the finishes applied at the tannery and is pH stable across a broad pH range. It contains sun screening properties to protect from ultraviolet (UV) rays.

**Use Hide-Bracer for all top coated leather. Do not use on fibrous suede, nubuck, or unfinished leathers.**

Hide-Bracer retains and rejuvenates the natural beauty of these leathers while helping to discourage cracking and surface breakdowns. Hide Bracer cleans dirt and body oil buildups. It enhances the feel of the leather while resisting dust particles. Hide-Bracer contains no petroleum distillates (turpentine or mineral spirits).

**Recommended application is 4 to 6 times a year or in drier climates 8 to 12 times per year.**

**Important:** always pretest in a hidden area. If color comes off, it maybe “Crocking” (The rubbing off of surface substances or color onto another material.) A small amount of color transfer is normal, however if a large amount of colors comes off DO NOT USE THIS PRODUCT.

DO NOT USE ON FIRBROUS (unfinished leathers) suede or nubuck leathers.

Hide-Bracer may initially darken some leather. However, the original color will be restored in 24 hours.

**Directions:** Before using, test for color fastness. Apply a small amount to a hidden area. A small amount of color transfer is normal. Shake well. Condition one area at a time **massaging thoroughly onto the leather area with a soft, white, clean cloth allowing Hide-Bracer to penetrate evenly.** Use the same cloth to remove any excess conditioner and buff area to a soft luster.

**Do not leave Hide-Bracer on the surface area wet and left to dry. This product MUST be buffed dry with clean cloth.**