

# HELVETIA

## Care Instructions

### Pigmented Leathers

These leathers have received a protective treatment during the tanning process, which will protect the grain from the soiling and staining of everyday use. If necessary, we recommend the following procedures for cleaning:

**For Spots and Spills:** Blot excess liquid immediately with a clean absorbent cloth or sponge. If necessary, use clear, lukewarm water and gently wipe spill. Dry with a clean towel and allow to air dry. If water is used, clean the entire area where the spill occurred. For example, the entire seat cushion or entire arm. Do not dry wet areas with heat dryers, hair dryers, etc.

**For Stubborn Spots and Stains:** Use a mild solution of Ivory soap and clear, lukewarm water. Apply the soap to a clean wet sponge and wash, then rinse well. Let air dry naturally. Always try the cleaning method in a hidden area first to convince yourself of the results.

**For Butter, Oil or Grease:** Wipe excess butter, oil or grease off the leather with a clean, dry cloth, and then leave it alone as the spot should dissipate into the leather in a short period of time. Do not apply water to try to wash a butter, oil or grease spot.

**Do Not Use:** Any Saddle soaps, oils, abrasives, cleaners, soaps, furniture polish, varnish or ammonia water. The leather has already been permanently preserved in the tanning process and needs no maintenance other than the simple cleaning recommended.

**Please Note:** The leather will initially repel most liquids, but if left to stand over an extended period of time they will be absorbed. That is why it is a good idea to mop up spills immediately. Even if the spill is absorbed, it will dissipate in time and eventually diffuse any stains.

### Semi-Aniline and Aniline Leathers

Natural, aniline leathers have little surface protection.

**If your aniline leather is in need of cleaning:** immediately blot excess liquid with a soft, clean cloth. Then clean the entire area (i.e. the entire seat cushion, arm rest, etc.) with a clean, damp cloth and clear, luke warm water, starting from the outside of the spill to the center. Please note due to the natural characteristics of this leather, scratches and marks may appear on the surface over time. This appearance is the "character" of natural leather.

**Do Not Use:** Any Saddle soaps, oils, abrasives, cleaners, soaps, furniture polish, varnish or ammonia water. These will strip the waxes from the surface of the leather, and affect the color and the look of your leather. Only a damp cloth with water should be used.

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