The Importance of Cleaning and Protecting Leather Furniture

Dirt and minute particles of grit that build up on leather furniture, act like sand paper, when subject to friction (being sat on) rubbing away at the leather, eventually wearing away the finish allowing the dirt and grime to get into the leather fibres.

Dirt and spillages can (in most cases) be easily removed from the leather surface, but if they are left untreated they will become much more of a problem to remove completely. You can clean dirt from the surface of leather but it is almost impossible to clean dirt out of the leather.

Hair and body oil, which get onto the leather, especially on arm and back rest areas, will in time break down the leather finish and can cause damage to the leather itself if left untreated.

Another problem is, dye transfer, (gray or dark areas) commonly found on seating cushions and caused mainly from blue denim jeans, although other causes can be loose scatter cushions etc which are not entirely colour fast.

This is where regular cleaning and an application of a good leather protector will help your leather stay in top condition and last for years to come.

Leather Protection: A good leather protector can reduce or eliminate the destructive effects of the dirt, oils and spills, which come into contact with your furniture during every day use. At [TLC Leather Care] we use water based cream lotions that, when applied to leather will condition, soften and form an invisible barrier to help protect leather. This protective layer doesn't alter the finish in any way, it is a porous layer that although helps to stop dirt, oils and spillages from entering the leather, it will still allow the leather to breathe. The leather will still need to be cleaned at regular intervals (about every 3 months on average, even if the leather doesn't look dirty) and the protector re-applied after cleaning.

If you have any further queries regarding leather care then please [click here] to send an email to and I will do my best to help you with a solution.