

# Leather Care

Townsend Leather® is a natural product fully chrome tanned and ideally fat liquored for long durability under normal use. Occasional routine maintenance will help preserve its beauty and prolong its life.

Proper cleaning techniques and materials are important. *Never* use saddle soap, solvents, abrasives or caustic household cleaners, soaps or dish detergents. These vary widely in strength and in com-patibility with today's water-based leather finishes, and may cause damage to the leather surface.

*Avoid* direct sources of heat and extended exposure to sunlight which may be harmful to leather.

## **Townsend Finished Leathers**

Finished leathers are aniline-dyed and then lightly enhanced with pigments for color uniformity. A clear top coat is applied for protection. These finishes are soft and breathable yet highly durable, and help resist spotting, staining and color fading.

Dust or vacuum leather surfaces weekly to remove light topical soil. Periodic use of The Leather Institutes Finished Leather Cleaner for heavier soil, Ink and Stain Remover™ for more difficult stains and Conditioner/Protector to restore moisture and provide a protective barrier is recommended. Repeat twice yearly for upholstered pieces that receive moderate use and monthly for those that are used more often.

Blot spills immediately with a soft absorbent white cloth, then gently clean, condition and protect with The Leather Institute's Care and Cleaning Products, the ONLY products recommended by Townsend Leather.

Specially formulated color-matched pigments are available for minor repair of scratches in finished leathers. Some skill and experience is required for this re-finishing. Instruction and training is advised. The Leather Institute offers this hands-on training in its *Finishing Touches*™ seminars.

## **Townsend Aniline Leathers**

Aniline leathers are also drum-dyed using transparent aniline dyes, but they do not have a pigment finish. This allows all the beautiful natural markings and color variations to show through. Each hide is unique. Some aniline leathers do have a clear top coat, but this provides only limited protection from staining.

Remove light topical soil by gently wiping with a water dampened soft white cloth. Blot spills immediately. Heavier soil should be cleaned with an absorbent white cloth dampened with water and mild non-detergent soap. Do not scrub. Allow leather to air dry away from direct heat.

## **Townsend Nubuck and Suede**

Brush and vacuum to remove topical soil. Blot spills immediately with a soft, white absorbent cloth. Stains may be buffed with an ultra fine abrasive pad (e.g. 3M® White) using just enough pressure to remove the stain. A soft bristle brush will help restore the soft suede or nubuck nap.

