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LEATHER RENOVATION KITS



The purpose of this well-tried and tested kit is to restore leather to its original colour with uniform finish and WITHOUT giving the "just been painted" appearance.

Send a specimen of the original leather colour, and we will supply a kit of cleaner, colour matched leather renovator, sealing paste, cloth and instructions. When sending a snippet of the old, original leather [or matching vinyl] make sure that it is CLEANED so that the colour can be matched correctly. Each kit is individually matched and this mixing and despatch usually takes about 14 days (although we try to keep some of the more popular shades of red, beige and black on the shelf for speedier despatch).

Each mix is colour coded. Economics dictate one bulk-matching session per week. Despatch day is usually on a Friday, so the cut-off time for samples to be received is by 1st post on a Wednesday. **To be safe, try to ensure samples are with WOOLIES right at the beginning of a week.**

In the event of a heavily grained or mottled sample (showing a darker shade in the grain and a lighter hue on the high areas) we will supply an **OVERALL MATCH**, unless advised otherwise. **We always endeavour to match accurately to the customers sample, but must insist on the acceptance of "ARTISTIC TOLERANCE" (ie. slight variance of shade).** Rematches can be tricky in this respect.

Important : PROTECT LEATHER KITS FROM FROST. DO NOT leave the kit in a cold garage during the winter months. Average shelf life 6 months.

INSTRUCTIONS

General Guidance:

The Keynote to all leather renovation is to obtain adhesion between the leather itself and the first coat of renovator. For upholstery that is well worn, a thorough cleaning with our water based cleaner should be all that is required. However, there COULD be an advantage in using a fine grade steel wool with the cleaner, particularly where the leather has a very smooth, fast finish. This would disturb the surface to give a better "key".

STAGE 1

CLEANER - water based, deeply penetrating liquid. Not only cleans but gives a deep penetration into the fibres, softening, feeding and therefore increasing the strength of the leather. Apply using a soft cloth rubbing lightly. Avoid flooding and change the surface of the cloth frequently. A small brush can be used to remove the ingrained dirt. It is **ESSENTIAL** that after cleaning, **ALL SURFACES** are thoroughly wiped over with a clean, damp cloth to remove excess build-up of cleaner and dirt. After this initial clean (and if the leather has been neglected) it may be beneficial to give the leather a course of **HIDE CARE**. Allow at least 48hrs (preferably 1-2 weeks) for the care to soak in and remove any surplus before applying the dye with sparing use of the cleaner.

NB: Thorough cleaning is essential to enable the renovating dye to penetrate the hide.

STAGE 2

COLOUR RENOVATOR - based on materials used in original finishing of upholstery hides in the tannery, and as such is compatible with the leather being restored (5 resins, micronised pigments and water emulsified cellulose lacquer). **STIR / SHAKE WELL BEFORE USE**. Pour a small quantity into a saucer. Apply lightly with a soft cloth (**NOT** a brush) rubbing well into the cracks and crevices, doing small areas at a time. Allow this film to dry out (at least 30 minutes **MINIMUM** at room temperature) and apply a second coat to level off.

Bearing in mind the cost of new leather, it is well worth putting some effort into the task of "working in" the first coat of renovator. The second coat can be applied by cloth, **OR**, as some customers prefer, by spraying, applying very light coats in order to avoid a rapid, heavy build-up finish. (The renovator is supplied in spray consistency).

STAGE 3

SEALING PASTE - to seal the renovator. Apply sparingly and then buff with a soft cloth. **TOO MUCH** elbow grease will tend to remove some of the renovator. Finished surface will have a water resistant wax sheen. 100% cotton cloth supplied with each kit for applying colour and cleaning/buffing. If you have a 221 **HOUSEHOLD** Leather Renovation Kit a more permanent finish is required to cope with general wear-and-tear plus spillages. This **STAGE 3** is replace by a special bottle of liquid dressing, giving a semi-gloss finish. This special dressing should be applied with a soft sponge and 2 coats are usually required.

We feel that it is worth mentioning again that the finished job will retain the original character of the leather and **NOT** have the "just been painted" appearance. The surface of the leather has not been completely sealed and **Hide Care** can still be used sparingly after the renovation, say every 6 months, to maintain suppleness.

While we do not recommend this kit for completely **CHANGING** the leather colour, this will depend entirely on the colours concerned ie., light to dark or black will usually result in a good job. We would suggest a test area be tackled initially.

With some really **LIGHT** shades (off-white, magnolia etc.) the pale pigment may struggle to give good coverage and a special **BASE COAT** or "foundation" might help. Cost is much the same as colour renovator. Please contact us **BEFORE** ordering to discuss the project.

We are aware of the problems in getting uniform colour into interiors where seating is **LEATHER** and trim panels in **LEATHERCLOTH/PVC**. However, we have found that the leather renovator will usually key onto old, original leathercloths where the surface has been broken down by either wear or cleaning agents. It is certainly worth doing a "test" piece.

THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE BASED ON RESEARCH AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE IN OUR PRODUCTS, NO GUARANTEE CAN BE GIVEN DUE TO THE WIDE VARIETY OF 'FOREIGN' TREATMENTS TO WHICH THE LEATHER MAY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY SUBJECTED