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LEATHER

Leather furniture has always been associated with high quality & comfort. It is also very durable. There is a lot of confusion over the various types of leather. There are three types:

ANILINE leathers are



colored with transparent dyestuffs. You are able to see the surface grains and markings.

ANILINE represents about 5% of the upholstered market.

NUBUCK leathers have been

brushed and have a texture similar to velvet. Many people confuse NUBUCK with SUEDE. They look similar, but SUEDE is the flesh side of the skin and NUBUCK is the outside. It is dyed the same as ANILINE leathers. NUBUCK represents about 5% of the market.

PROTECTED leathers are



the most common, at 90% of the market. The application of pigment is on the leather, like paint. This

results in a more uniform appearance and color.

Leather must be properly cared for in order to extend the life of the leather. Most leather manufacturers recommend basic cleaning and moisturizing every year. We usually get called in when there is a larger problem. Excessive exposure to the sun, harsh chemicals and dampness such as from wet swim suits, tanning or hair oils and lack of moisturizers are the major issues we find.

Our scope of leather work is as varied as the leathers. Basic cleaning and moisturizing is usually fairly inexpensive. Restoration is more involved and expensive. Here are a couple of before and afters we have worked on.

The first pictures are of an Aniline ottoman that had sun damage. Note you can see the grains of the leather in both pictures.





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This leather headboard had 'artwork' scratched in by kids fingernails.



This sofa cushion was damaged by the spill of an unknown bleaching agent.



This over-dyed sofa used both brown and black dyes for a unique, almost mottled look. We were able to recreate the look after the sun damaged it.

