

Some tips on cleaning delicate leathers

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This article is actually a response to a specific customer I visited in Abingdon, Maryland. Because I believe the tips will also benefit others with delicate leather furniture, I'm going to share the article with everyone.

Here are the pictures of a "mystery stain" and small discolored spot on the leather before and after I cleaned and repaired them.



So as I told my customer, I wanted to give some tips on caring for this type of leather in the future.

1. Semi-Protected Leather- The leather is what I would call a

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semi-protected. It is not a naked leather nor is it a fully protected leather. I pre-tested a cleaner on the leather and noticed it cleaned the leather well but took a minor amount of the tint color off of the leather. Because of that test, I defined the leather as semi-protected.

2. Basic Cleaning- To clean the leather apply the cleaner to a soft cloth and rub the cleaner across the entire seat from seam to seam not pressing extra firmly in only one area. We recommend [and use SG-5](#) . [Click here for it](#)

3. Conditioning/Protection- Because even a mild cleaner will effect the finish on your leather, you should apply a leather protector after cleaning the leather We recommend and use [SG-25 or SG-50 for this process.](#)

4. Crusty Stains- To remove a dried, crusty stain dampen the area with a few drops of the cleaner and let the moisture soften the stain. Then try to wipe it off but if it will not wipe then use a firm plastic scraper to gently scrape the stain away.

5. Dried out leather- If your leather has dried out from the sun or a dry room (such as one which has a fireplace in it), you should try an intensive conditioning to soften it up. First, apply the conditioner SG-50 once a month for 3 months. [Click here to buy SG-50.](#) It is the flagship of ADVLeather's product line and not cheap but is a great product for dried out leather. Then, go to a normal 2x a year leather conditioning schedule.

Hope these tips help you. Please e-mail me with any questions.
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