

Saddleback Stain Solutions: Paint Splatters

Saddleback Leather Finishes Quick Clean Score for Paint Splatters

Chestnut- 10, Tobacco- 9, Cobalt Black- 10, Dark Coffee

Key Takeaway: Drops or splatters of paint

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Introduction:

I've heard the story many times. You hire a contractor to

paint some trim in your home or a crew is working in your office. Mysteriously small splatters of paint end up on your leather. What a mess.

But it's not a permanent problem in most cases. The worse problem occurs when people use paint thinner or some other harsh chemical to clean the paint off and ruin the leather finish.

I can help you figure the best, and safest, way to remove paint splatters from any Saddleback leather finish. So let me give you some tips on how:

(You may be thinking who is this guy and why should I listen to his leathercare advice. So at the end of the article I'll give you my creds and tell why I am

helping the folks at Saddleback)

Tips on caring for paint splatters on your Saddleback leather:

DO NOT

- Don't "Google it" for help- I have seen some crazy-bad tips floating out on the web for solving leather problems. Like this real gem I saw on a website, rub a banana peel on your leather to condition it,

Huh?!! Instead find someone who knows leather, specifically Saddleback Leather, and get qualified advice.

- Don't start with a paint remover- If you just rub a rag soaked in a paint thinner over your

Saddleback bag you will cause more long term harm than good.

DO

- Find out what kind of paint was splattered-

It is important to find out if the paint on your bag is water-based or oil-based. Once you know that, we can proceed to a solution.



- Be patient- The best solution to remove splattered paint is to work very specifically on each drop. It is slow going but a

far better solution than just rubbing something over the entire area.

- Start out dry-The first, and often most effective, means to remove paint splatters is to carefully pick each dried spot of paint off of the leather. Use either the tip of a thin knife or a pin to flick the paint from

the surface of the leather. It may leave a light spot below where a bit of finish has been removed, but we can fix that later. This solution works best for water-based paint but many times will also work for oil based paint splatters too.

- Oil-based paint may

not flick off the leather-

If the dry method fails then you need to carefully moisten and dislodge each spot. For water based paint, place rubbing alcohol on a q-tip or small paint brush and touch a bit to the drops. Let the moisture sit for a minute. Then try to flick off the spots or dab them off with the q-tip. For oil-based

paint, you may need to use a stronger chemical like Goof-off. Again use it sparingly and directly on the paint spots. Pick them off as soon as they soften and then wipe off the cleaner with a soft, dry cloth.

- Once the spots are gone, clean over the area-

Even after you remove the paint, there may be lighter areas where the paint took the color from the leather. For the Chestnut, Dark Coffee and Carbon Black finishes you can apply a good leather conditioner to the surface. Buff it in firmly and the color will dry evenly. For the Tobacco, try to buff the surface with a dry cloth to

even out the finish. If it doesn't work, you can condition the Tobacco leather but a darker patina may result.

[Click here to learn more about conditioner and patina on your leather bag.](#)

Finally:

Especially, when it was you painting nearby, splatters on your beautiful leather bag are upsetting. But if you follow these steps, and take your time, you can fix the problem. Of course, if you don't yet have a Saddleback bag to splatter paint on... [cli](#)

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**And as
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My dad says my first word was leather... but since that can't be confirmed I'll just say I have 25

years in the
leather biz. I'm
now the 2nd
generation owner
of a leather
cleaning, repair
and refinishing
company in the
Baltimore/Washing

ton DC area. I've
seen every
problem
imaginable to
leather and am
glad to share my
experience to help
you.

Why Saddleback?

I'm the one holding
the bag at the left.
Standing next to

me is Chuck
Bowen the CEO of
Saddleback.

I love Saddleback
Leather Bags
(Including my Light

Tobacco Classic
Briefcase). I love
their core values. I
love their affiliate
program. So I
help you choose
and care well for
your Saddleback
stuff, Saddleback

sells more bags
and helps more
people, and I
make a few
affiliate bucks
when you click
through my links...
everybody wins.

Contact me with
questions or
suggestions.

If you have a

Saddleback
leather question I
haven't covered
yet, please shoot
it to me. Or if you
think I'm wrong or
want to add to my
suggestions,
please do. I can

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