



# HOW TO CLEAN & PROTECT ARTIFICIAL/IMITATION LEATHER

Imitation leather is also called "faux leather", "synthetic leather", "artificial leather" or "leatherette". Synthetic leather in the furniture sector is a cheaper alternative to leather. The intense price competition, the attempt to copy the softness of real leather and the trend towards recyclable materials has significantly reduced the durability of artificial leather in the last years.

Undamaged imitation leather is easy to clean and maintain. Clean soiled surfaces with **COLOURLOCK Vinyl Cleaner**. In case of heavy soiling, let the product soak for a minute and also use the **COLOURLOCK Leather Cleaning Brush** to remove the dirt.

Protect the surface with **COLOURLOCK Vinyl Protector**. The surface gets an invisible protective film that prevents penetration of dirt and prevents the coating from getting damaged in the long run. These products are also available as **COLOURLOCK Vinyl Care Kit**.

Sometimes older imitation leather and plastics lose their softness and become dry, brittle and break. This process can hardly be influenced. Regular cleaning and sealing delays this process.

Little cracks and rips can be filled and repaired with **COLOURLOCK Liquid Leather**. Then work over with **COLOURLOCK Leather Fresh** to adjust colour and gloss level. This procedure also applies to cats scratches, as long as the damages are not too excessive and too strong. Protruding fibres can be glued down with **COLOURLOCK Leather Glue** and with a needle tip. Put a little amount of glue using a needle tip under the protruding fibres, dry with a hair dryer and press down the fibre. Excess glue can be wiped away in fibre direction with **COLOURLOCK Leather Cleaning Spirit**.

Big brittle and cracked surfaces are unrepairable. Such damage occurs often after 2 to 4 years in the contact areas. Such damage can only be repaired in the beginning. But as these damages worsen quickly, no real help is possible. Cover such areas with blankets to reduce the wear.

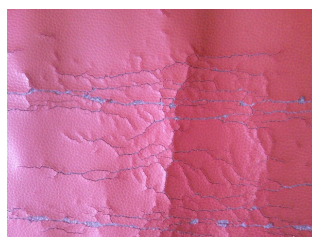
Preserve older imitation leather with **Vinyl Protector**. The **Vinyl Protector** prevents soiling and reduces friction damages. The **Vinyl Protector** does not generate an artificial gloss. Apply evenly with a soft cloth and let dry.



*The surface starts peeling off.  
Impossible to repair.*



*Fractures extend all over the  
seating area. Impossible to repair.*



*Seating area full of heavy  
damages. Impossible to repair.*



*Cat scratches: Laborious down-  
gluing of protruding fibres as a  
last resort.*

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