

# **Leather**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Fritz Hansen offers several different leathers, each with unique characteristics and prized for their beauty and durability. As leather is a natural material, it will display unique characteristics including insect bites, scars and wrinkles. Colour differences between hides and variations in grain are also visible.

## ANILINE LEATHER

GRACE; EMBRACE; NATURAL; RUSTIC; BUFFALO; NIGER; WILD; BUFFED; INTENSE.

Aniline leathers are a premium choice for upholstery. Only 5% of all raw hides are of a quality high enough to become aniline leather. These luxurious leathers have an untreated surface with no protective finish, displaying natural beauty and unique characteristics. Leather offers a high degree of comfort, breathability and softness. The open pores of the material's surface allow it to 'breathe,' absorbing and releasing heat upon contact. Over time, aniline leathers will patinate. The open surface means that coloured aniline leathers will fade with sunlight exposure and natural non-died aniline leathers will darken with exposure to light.

## SEMI-ANILINE LEATHER

SOFT.

10-15% of all raw hides are considered high enough in quality to become semi-aniline leather. This type of leather retains the natural surface structure of the hide but is treated with a light surface finish that makes it less susceptible to damage from sunlight, dirt and oils. Semi-aniline leather retains its shape well, providing superior sitting comfort on upholstered furniture.

## CORRECTED LEATHER

AURA; ESSENTIAL; RAW

Corrected leather displays even colouration and has a hard-wearing, textured finish. Sanded or embossed with an artificial grain before being treated with pigments, dyes and finishing coats to enhance its appearance, very few natural marks are visible. As corrected leather is a durable, easy-to-maintain fabric, it is a popular upholstery for furniture in high traffic areas.

## CARE & MAINTENANCE

Vacuum regularly using a soft brush nozzle.

## CLEANING & STAIN REMOVAL

Clean only when necessary, using hot water and soap flakes. Dissolve 2-3 tablespoons of soap flakes in 1 litre of boiled water. Using only the foam, apply evenly across the surface of the furniture using a soft

cloth. Mop excess water with a dry, soft cotton cloth. Allow the furniture to dry before use. Spot cleaning is not recommended for leather as it can cause discolouration. Damage caused by stain removers is not covered by the Fritz Hansen warranty.

#### CAUTION

Sharp objects can scratch, and damage leather and non-colourfast clothing can cause permanent discolouration. Avoid placing in direct sunlight for extended periods of time or close to heat sources.

Stacking of upholstered chairs can cause pressure marks in the upholstery. To minimize pressure marks when stacking upholstered chairs use the piece of cardboard and thin foam to divide the pressure from the four spacers onto a larger area. This does still not guarantee no pressure marks.