

LEATHER-CARE HANDBOOK

CLOTHING



**HOW TO WASH
LEATHER CLOTHING
IN THE WASHING MACHINE
AND BY HAND**

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WASHING INSTRUCTIONS FOR LEATHER CLOTHING

In principle, it is possible to wash almost every kind of leather in the washing machine with **LEDER FEIN® Hand- & Washing-Machine Concentrate for Leather Clothing**. If one keeps the temperature hand warm or lower (under 35°C (95°F), just like washing wool), and follows the instructions, the leather will be clean, guaranteed soft and will not shrink.

Before washing please note:

- Heavily soiled garments or fatty collars, cuffs etc. should be pre-soaked in luke-warm water and the problem areas pre-treated with the Wash Concentrate and a soft brush.
- With leather garments made of more than one colour of leather or of a mixture of leather and textile or with a light coloured lining, some colour-bleeding can occur. In such cases always soak in **LEDER FEIN® Fixative** before washing.
- Never wash two different garments together.
- Always wash the two or three parts of a dress or trouser suit, together.
- Some garments are faded or scuffed but this is hidden by the soiling. This can become visible after cleaning.
- There are leather types being sold where the dyes have not been fixed to the fibre. Others are coated with oils or waxes. Such garments will be clean after washing but will have a changed surface or appearance.
- Loose buttons or too loosely sewn decorative applications must be removed or secured before washing.
- Sheepskins with a white underside: Always cut off a small piece and wash it as a test. If it becomes hard it is a kind of tanning sometimes used for sheepskins that is washed out in water. In such cases do not wash!

If you have questions we can help.

Ring the leather advice telephone: 0049 (0) 551 770 730

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LEATHER-FIXATIVE (100 ML)

PRE-TREATMENT

Leather-Textile-Mixture, multi-coloured garments

Leather garments: black, red, blue, bordeaux and green



Always pre-soak
in a bath with
Leather- fixative

What does it do?: It fixes tannins, colours and fats preventing them from being washed out. Use before washing.



- **Use in a tub, not in the washing machine.**
- **Add 1/2 bottle to approx. 10 l hand warm water max. 30° C (until covered).**
- **Motorcycle suits: use a full bottle.**
- **Put in the garment and soak thoroughly for approx. 60 minutes, moving occasionally.**
- **Without rinsing put it into the washing machine.**

Careful: The product contains natural volatile acids. Avoid skin contact, use rubber gloves. Wash off skin or eyes with generous amounts of water. Keep away from children.

WASHING CONCENTRATE FOR LEATHER CLOTHING

HAND WASHING

Suited for hand washing all suede and napa leathers. Jackets, coats, shirts, trousers, motorcycle suits, gloves.



Hand wash: depending on the garment size $\frac{1}{3}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle + approx. 12 l hand warm water. Cover the garment. **Keep the temp. under 35°C (95°F)**

Complete motorcycle suit or large coat, use 1 bottle and enough water to cover. Soak for about 30 minutes and wash by hand, treat heavy soiling with a soft brush. When clean remove and rinse once in clean hand- warm water.

Surface Cleaning: thin concentrate 1:50 and wipe surface or use a brush.

WASHING CONCENTRATE FOR LEATHER CLOTHING

WASHING MACHINE

Use only in the 'Fine-Wash' or Wool program. Not over 35°C (95°F). For all suede and grain leather such as jackets, coats, shirts, trousers, folklore costumes, motorcycle clothing and gloves. Also ideal for leather-textile-combinations.



Depending on garment size add $\frac{1}{3}$ – $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle to the machine. Motorcycle suits or large coats will need one whole bottle. Heavy soiling: soak for 1 hour and pre-treat with a soft brush dipped in concentrate.

Wash with the 'Fine-Wash' or Wool program. Not over 35°C (95°F). At the end of the wash-cycle just spin for about 30 seconds.

Remove the wet garment, shake and stretch out the folds. Hang or lay the wet garment on a towel at room temperature away from sun or heat. This can sometimes take several days, depending on the leather...but it's worth it!

Important: Never dry in a drier or with heat!

After drying, the leather fibres are stuck together, So when dry, pull and stretch the garment into shape in all directions and if needed cold tumble (inside out), for about 15 - 30 minutes. with no heat whatsoever! Nubuck and suede should finally be brushed up with a soft brush.

Recommended Products:

- LEDER FEIN® Washing Concentrate for Leather Clothing 250 ml
- LEDER FEIN® Leather Fixative 100 ml (see instructions above.)
- LEDER FEIN® Leather Brush (for Nubuck and Suede)

HOW TO CARE FOR LEATHER CLOTHING

Coated Top-Grain leather

Many top grain leathers (such as motorcycle leather) receive pigmented protective coatings to make them waterproof, to increase their protective properties, resistance to fading and staining. These are easy to recognize, as rubbed-on moisture will not sink in and darken the leather.

Care instructions: Scuffs and wear can be easily repaired with **Leather Fresh** toner in the correct tone.

Top-Grain leather clothing should be protected and nourished by wiping with **LEDER FEIN® Leather Care & Waterproofing Oil** at least twice a year. This prevents cracking, shrinkage and stains.

Open Pored Top Grain Leather (napa, aniline)

These are leathers which are dyed through but are not surface coated in order to retain their 'natural-skin' softness, flexibility, warm touch and exclusive optics. A little pressure or rubbing with moisture will darken these.

Care instructions: Real protection is achieved by regular treatment with **Aniline Cream** (every 2-3 months) to prevent staining by water or fats. Older aniline leathers can be revitalized by regular treatment with our **Aniline Protector**. This adds softening oils, anti-oxidants, UV-filters and intensifies the dyes. Heavy fading should however be shown to a leather professional.

Suedes and Nubucks

These are leathers with a velour (slightly furry) surface. Typical are Porc (pig), goat, cow-hide nubuck or suede, deerskin, elk and lamb.

Care instructions: treat at least 1-2 times per year with our **Aniline Protector**, an aerosol designed to protect against fading and dryness. Also ideal for re-conditioning suedes and nubucks after washing them. It restores the freshness of the colour.

Heavy fading of all kinds of leather can only be restored by a professional. Do not forget to waterproof the open surface of such leathers with **LEDER FEIN® Imprägnil**, the Leather Waterproofing Spray. To remove light soiling brush with our soft Leather Brush or use the Nubuck Eraser.