

## THE LEATHERIQUE LEATHER RESTORATION WAY TO LEATHER RENEWAL

Please read all directions before beginning your Leather Restoration project. Do not hesitate to call or email if you have any further questions about Leather Care. **Rubber gloves & eye protection are recommended.** Rinse with soap & water in case of contact with skin. Do not ingest. Leatherique Leather Restoration Dye is a revolutionary, complex polymer coating,. It is highly acclaimed and gives excellent results when used according to directions.

### 1. BASIC LEATHER CARE/LEATHER CONDITIONING/CLEANING TO MAKE IT FEEL LIKE NEW LEATHER

You will need Leatherique Leather Restoration Rejuvenator Oil, Prestine Clean, and clean terry towels. Apply Leatherique Leather Rejuvenator Oil liberally to all leather and vinyl surfaces, with a brush, spray bottle or soft sponge. Massage Leather with your hands to work the nutrients in. Don't miss this step as reconditioning and proper Leather Care is what will make your upholstery feel like glove soft leather again. Allow to sit in a sunny spot for several hours or overnight. Clean Leather with Prestine Clean and terry towels. Buff with clean towel. Reapply as necessary, until leather is supple and strong. Wait 48 hours before proceeding to next step to allow the Leatherique Leather Rejuvenator to fully penetrate. Our BMW friend Rick Viedorfer, of Arvada, CO suggests that if your leather is cardboard hard or if your leather is sun damaged, to skip to the sanding step after one application of Rejuvenator Oil and remove as much of the old, hardened dye as possible with wet sanding and prepping. Then apply more Leatherique Leather Rejuvenator onto the hide for immediate results.

### 2. BASIC LEATHER CARE/LEATHER RESTORATION/PREPPING YOUR LEATHER SURFACE

You will need prepping agent, fine grit sand paper, 400 to 600 grit, and a clean, empty bowl or container. Pour a few ounces of prepping agent into the bucket and use that to dip your wet or dry sand paper into. Also have plenty of paper towels to wipe dirt from the surface of the leather. Using 400 grit, lightly wet sand the leather to smooth out any cracks and hangnails in the surface. Remove as much of the old Leather dye as you can without creating suede. Wipe surface with soft rags or paper towels to remove as much of the faded or oxidized old Leather Dye as possible. Do not attempt to redye over damaged dye. Be sure all old dye is broken down, and all previous treatments such as silicone, wax or oil product residue is gone. Then resand with 600. If you are filling cracks with Leather crack filler, this is the time to do that step. Apply Leather crack filler only into cracks, not near grain. Allow to dry 20 minutes and refill as necessary. For holes in leather, a mechanical repair will be necessary. Insert a patch larger than the hole, (a piece of canvas or leather fuzzy sides together) carefully into the hole. With a toothpick, spread a small amount of craft or leather glue into hole and press to adhere. Fill remaining scar with layers of Leather crack filler. Resand Leather as necessary with 600 for a smooth, flawless finish. Allow project to sit overnight or about 6 hours to allow prepping agent and crack filler to dry. Sufficient Leather prepping is the key to a successful Leather Restoration project. It is helpful to a good finish to remove the top surface of the old lacquer base Leather dye to allow new Copolymer Leather dye to "bite". This also assures that



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any silicone, petroleum or mineral oils, or wax are removed. **If doing a color change, remove as much of the old dye as possible without damaging the leather** or creating suede.

**3. LEATHER CARE/LEATHER RESTORATION/LEATHER RECOLORING AND PROTECTING YOUR LEATHER SURFACE**

After the Leather surface is clean and prepped, simply brush or spray on your new Leatherique Leather dye.

You will need Leatherique Dye, top quality synthetic, acrylic type brushes, very small for cracks and piping and wider for larger areas, a dirt free environment, preferably indoors. **\*Thin Leather dye if necessary to prevent heavy buildup of color. Temperature of 70 to 85 degrees, low humidity, no rain.**

**Pour all the Leatherique Leather dye into a suitable container so it can be stirred and mixed properly with a wide paint stirrer. (tupperware type with lid) Some pigments are heavier than others and settle.** Start with a small, inconspicuous area to get a feel for the product. \* If it is too thick, stir in a small quantity of water to reach workable consistency. Your color has been matched to your swatch using the newest computer technology, and most long lasting high quality pigments available. It is normal that the color may appear more vibrant than the faded hue you have become accustomed to. Begin with the seams, piping and edges and allow them to dry. (Usually by the time you are done, they are dry) Then proceed with broader areas. Apply several very thin coats, brushing in all directions rather than back and forth. Do not stop in the middle of a panel. Consistency will be rewarded with a professional job. Allow each piece to dry thoroughly. Apply second coat as necessary. **If doing a COLOR CHANGE, another coat will be necessary.** Clean brushes and all equipment immediately with soap and hot water.

**3A LEATHER CARE/LEATHER RESTORATION/ LEATHER REDYE WITH AIR TYPE SPRAY GUN**

You will need Leatherique Leather Dye, thinned about 10-25% with water, or to your equipment specifications. Set your equipment for a fine, almost dry mist coat. Spray 2-3 fine, dry mist coats to cover. Clean your equipment with soap and hot water.

**FINAL STEP** - Allow project to remain untouched for 48 hours, as dye will be fragile. Then with a very soft, lint free cloth, you may buff the Leather Surface to a natural luster and remove excess pigment. If you have any brush strokes or imperfections, they can be buffed out with fine 600 grit dry sandpaper. For regular maintenance, wipe gently with a soft cloth and Prestine Clean to help extend the life and beauty of your leather.

**Key Benefits**

- You will have a "new" leather interior for a fraction of the cost of replacing your leather.
- Application is easy, if you have refinished wood or any craft project, you can redye leather.
- Leatherique dye is water based, not petroleum based, cleans up quick and easy, with no harsh odors.

