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# The natural characteristics of leather

Real leather is a natural product. It breathes, it's warm and has individual characteristics which are the natural charm and beauty of hide. As a natural product however, it will often display traces of the animal's past life, such as brand marks, wrinkles, veins, healed scars and differing fibre density. These hallmarks in no way detract from the wearing qualities of leather; they are the signs that discerning owners cherish when buying leather. With the passage of time and normal use, it develops a patina which enhances its natural beauty.

## Shade Variation

It must be remembered that at least ten hides are required to make a suite. No two hides are identical and due to variation in grain structure as mentioned above, the dyes and finishes penetrate to different degrees into the various parts of the hide to give attractive variations. Whilst every attempt is made to achieve uniformity, this is not always possible. Because each hide is unique in itself, patterns and colour samples should always be regarded as no more than a guide.

Leather today, due to modern tanning processes and the requirement of consumers, has a glove-like feel and will maintain this suppleness during the lifetime of the furniture. It is therefore quite different from the hard leathers in days gone by.

The combination of these factors means that during the first few weeks of use, wrinkles and creases will form naturally in the leather. This is quite normal and should not cause concern; they are designed into the furniture and give a soft and inviting look, which is an inherent quality of leather upholstered furniture.

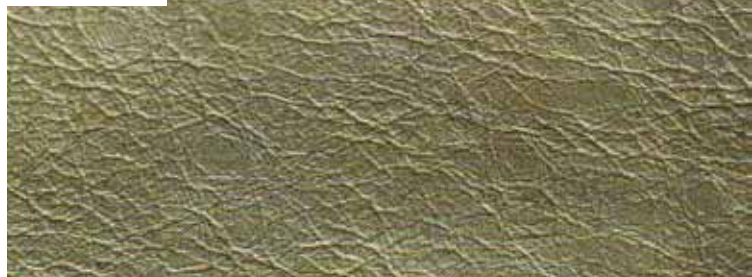
Difference in tone/grain

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Veins



Warble Fly



Healed Scars



Loose Belly Hide



Neck

