
*Invest in a **tetrad**®*

Traditional hand built craftsmanship combined with the best materials and innovative techniques ensure a level of quality that is second to none.

Founded in the Lancashire town of Preston over 40 years ago in Lancashire, **tetrad** has established a reputation for outstanding attention to detail. As a result, the name **tetrad** has become synonymous with fine quality and expert craftsmanship.

All this means that you can sit comfortably in the knowledge that your sofa will last long into the future.

*Care and Maintenance of your **tetrad** sofa*

At **tetrad** we pride ourselves on the quality of our craftsmanship. By choosing one of our sofas you have demonstrated your appreciation of quality products. We are confident that your sofa will last long into the future, but to ensure durability and long lasting comfort of your **tetrad** sofa or chair; we would recommend you follow these care and usage instructions.

Leather

Leather is a natural product. It breathes, is warm and has individual attributes, such as shade, grain variation and natural markings, which all add to its charm and beauty. We stress these marks as features indicating it is real leather, not faults. Although slight shading of colours can occur and is natural, we endeavour to match all hides used as closely as we can.

*General usage and care of **Leather upholstery***

Leather upholstery has a soft suppleness that will last throughout the life of the furniture. On softer areas such as cushions, creases and wrinkles will naturally occur, and the leather may give a little over time on the seat areas. This is quite normal and gives a soft inviting look that you can only really get with quality leather upholstery.

Cleaning

- Dust your furniture regularly with a soft cloth or brush, to stop the accumulation of dust and dirt that cause premature wear. Avoid using a vacuum cleaner on leather.

Spillages

- Remove any spills immediately. Blot the liquid with a clean, dry, white, lint free cloth, working towards the centre of the spill dabbing gently. Do not rub or use abrasive cleaners, detergents or solvents as this will result in damage to your furniture.

Sunlight & heat

- All leathers can be affected by light; we recommend it is positioned away from direct sunlight and heat to protect them from fading and premature wear. (Aniline leathers are especially sensitive to sunlight).
- Do not place hot items such as hot drinks, hot water bottles or laptops on leather as they may result in dark marks. Therefore we don't recommend leather sofas for use in conservatories.
- Try to maintain at least 30cm clearance from heat sources such as radiators to prevent colour change or permanent marks occurring.

Leather categories

Our range consists of many hides hand-selected from the world's finest tanneries. Whilst each hide has its own particular look and feel they can be broadly separated into 4 main categories.

Aniline

The most attractive and natural leathers which are prized for their soft natural feel. These leathers that have been aniline dyed using a vat process with no colour coating added to the surface. They are the most expensive leathers to produce because only the very best selection of hides can be used to produce aniline leathers. Aniline dyed leathers are more susceptible to absorbing liquids because of the natural porosity of the hide. If you lightly scratch the surface of aniline, it will turn a lighter colour. To restore the original colour, wet your finger lightly and rub it into the leather, it should darken slightly, but dry the same colour.

Semi-Aniline

Semi-Aniline dyed leathers have been both dyed and have a thin finishing layer on the surface. They offer a combination of the softness and feel of aniline leather with the protective benefits of a surface finish. By dyeing the leather before the final top coating is applied, a very even colouration can be achieved with only a thin layer of finish remaining; therefore the leather remains softer because it is not necessary to apply a thick top coating.

Pull-up

Pull-up, also referred to as waxy or oily pull-up. Pull-up leathers are designed to look "distressed" through time and use. The leather lightens in colour when stretched during wear, creating an "aged" appearance. In places of heavy use, the oils will be pushed away leaving lighter areas – particularly on the seating areas.

Hand Antiqued

A fully penetrated aniline dyed hide, its appearance enhanced by a hand staining process. The result is a rich aged look that gives leather added depth and character. The rich oils in the retannage allows you to look deep into the surface of the leather ensuring that all the true characteristics of the leather, wrinkles, natural texture, markings etc. are visible. In daily use this patina will be further enriched. Due to varying grain structure the dyes penetrate to differing degrees in different parts giving attractive variations.

Do not use leather soap, saddle soap, hide food or any other polish than that recommended by a reputable retailer.