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LRC18 – Gel Degreaser

The gel degreaser is a thick paste designed to lift out head grease and sweat that's soaked into your leather items.

Head grease is common on the back of leather couches on the top part of the leather sofa, you then get a lot of sweat marks on arms where your arms resting all the time on the leather furniture arm, this builds up heat and when you sweat the leather will absorb this in time causing very dark patches to appear.

Removal of head grease and sweat on leather arms may have to be done several times before it's fully extracted.



This shows you head grease stains

Head grease is very common on the rear of sofas where you're sat down resting or even falling asleep on your leather couch. In particular if you have little or no hair this can cause a quick build-up of heat, causing the sweat to penetrate the surface causing a darkening stain to appear.

This can also happen to people with a full head of hair, but from hair dyes or from hair products, they can release onto the leather settee back causing the dye to settle on the surface of the leather causing the darker patches to appear as it has dyed the leather surface.

It's also believed that some medications can cause you to sweat differently and release toxins through your pores, this becomes a chemical in the sweat which causes the coloured surface on leather to break down.

You will find this is very common on the collar of leather jackets and around the cuffs of leather jackets where your skin is in direct contact with the leather jacket.

As you can see from this picture of this stressless leather arm chair the sweat has caused the colour to be removed on the surface and left very dark patches on the leather that almost look wet.

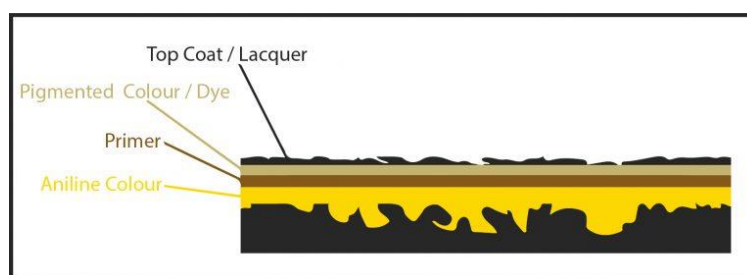


Depending on the type of leather you have will determine the type of repair or restoration that must take place. Head grease on Aniline Leather is the worst to handle and in a lot of cases the Aniline Leather will have to be sprayed a darker colour or worst case is to replace it. Spraying the dye on can help to disguise the grease stains that are left behind after extraction of the grease using the gel degreaser.

Pigmented leather - This is where the surface of the leather has been painted, some call it pigmented, some say corrected grain leather, some say top coated. This is easier to repair and restore depending on how bad the head grease stains are, if they are too bad, they can make the leather very brittle, tears will start to appear and in these cases it's best to replace the leather with new.

If the grease is only slight, then a grease removal process can be carried out to extract all the grease and then wipe down with alcohol cleaner and re-apply the pigment coating and seal up with the clear coat lacquers.

This picture gives you an idea of the build-up of leather and how it's made so you can understand what's happening to the surface coating.



Application Of Gel Degreaser.

Applying the gel degreaser is easy, it is best carried out with a spatula or similar. Always make sure the lid is left on when not using this product as the solvent liquid will evaporate if it is left open. Spread the gel evenly over the surface, a good thickish coating is required, making sure you cover up all surrounding areas as the solvents within the gel degreaser will strip the colour from the leather around it if you spill some on these areas.

With most gel degreaser extraction, colour will be pulled out or has already been pulled out due to the grease making the surface sticky.

Once you have applied the gel degreaser to the surface leave this to dry, it will end up looking like a white powder on the surface this can then be vacuumed off making sure you are in contact with the leather surface as this will help suck out the grease in the leather where the gel degreaser has broken it down to release it.

As a guide you can tell if you have head grease or sweat in leather as the colour of the degreaser when dry will be a greenish brown colour, you need to repeat this process until the degreaser when dry is a pure white colour.

Once all grease or sweat has been removed, you can then proceed to the next steps, giving the area a full prep ready to recolour or to apply new dye.

Take a look at the [YouTube Video](#) about this product

Available sizes, 50ml – 1.70 fl oz, 250ml – 8.5 fl oz, 500ml – 17 fl oz

Use Within, Use within 3 months of purchase.

Manufacturers Warranty 3 months from point of sale.

Temperatures, do not allow to freeze or go below 7 °C.

Before Use, always check in a small hidden area before using to ensure its suitability for the leather.

Colour, an off white.

Smell, has a strong alcohol IPA based smell.

Formula, solvent based gel paste.

Skin Allergies, if you have skin allergies always wear gloves, wear goggles when applying.

Cautions, Harmful if swallowed. Keep out of reach of children, may cause skin irritation. Seek medical attention at once, do not induce vomiting. Avoid contact with eyes, rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do so, continue rinsing. Use a mask at all times using in a well-ventilated area,

Uses, to remove grease and sweat that's broken the leathers top coating and got into the leather pores.

Works on these leathers, pigmented leather, top coated leather, aniline leather, semi aniline leather, veg tanned leather, antique leather, two tone leather, rub-off leather, Waxy Pull-Up.

For use on, Car Leather Interiors, Leather Sofas, Leather Chairs, Leather Shoes, Leather Handbags, Leather Briefcases, Leather Saddles, Equine Leather, Leather Jackets, Motorcycle Leathers, Leather Boots, Leather Purses, Leather Trousers. Leather Clothing, Motor Bike Leathers, Leather Walls, Leather Tables, Leather Watch Straps, leather hats, leather gloves.