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LRC19 – Ink and Stain Remover

The Ink and Stain Remover is a unique water-based solution designed to remove ink and stubborn stains from leather and vinyl surfaces.

Ink, can be very problematic to remove depending how fresh the ink stains are. If they have only been on the surface for a few days and nothing else has been tried in an attempt to remove the stain, then removal is very quick without causing any further issues.

What's so unique about this product is if you didn't want it to be full strength then it can be diluted at any ratio with water, so if you have delicate materials then the ink and stain remover can be diluted down to work on these delicate areas slower but to still gain the same results without the fear of removing the surface topcoat on the leather.

The ink and stain remover can be used as a cleaner to clean off stubborn dirt and grime that's embedded into the painted surface where the clear coated surface has been removed over the years. On average, on pigmented / top coated leather, the clear coat lacquer applied in tanneries is removed with normal use within 3 years approximately, once this topcoat has been removed from the painted leather finish, then dirt and grime attacks the painted areas more and the paint is absorbent allowing stains, dirt and grime to stick to the surface more.

If you have ever cleaned leather in cars or sofas at home and seen after spraying on the cleaner, streaks running down the leather like the cleaner has created a stain, this is because the leathers clear coat lacquer topcoat has been removed over the years and the cleaner is soaking onto the paints porous areas. However, this naturally dries back out again if left or heated up with a hair drier, but NEVER force dry ink and stain remover as this will cause the solution to leave a bigger stain than before.

With ink stains it is best to use a cotton bud soaked in the solution and slowly drag this along the stain to help break down the pen ink. Being indelible it's stubborn and will have soaked into the leather, so repeated attempts to remove it will be required. You may find that a small amount of alcohol cleaner is also required to gently wipe over the surface with a clean bamboo fibre cloth or a terry towel but NEVER a scrubber pad, magic eraser or microfibre cloth as they are all dangerous for leather and far too harsh. The magic eraser is sanding the surface taking away more top coat and paint, scrubber pads cause colour loss and microfibres are too static causing the surface coating to be removed also. Plus, they are all made from thermos plastics which are bad for our environment, being an ISO 14001 certificated company we pride ourselves on our eco-friendly drive.

Never scrub hard when removing ink stains as this can cause even further damage that requires the surface to be restored or re painted with leather paint. You may find in some cases that restoration is avoidable, in most cases you will need to re-apply the surface clear coat leather lacquer again to seal the leather once more.

Where you have stubborn dirt all over the surface and a general leather cleaner won't remove it the ink and stain remover can be used to do this. Spray the ink and stain remover onto the surface and gently work in with a soft leather cleaning brush. You're best off using a soft horsehair leather cleaning brush if you're not a professional doing leather repairs and restoration on a daily basis, don't leave the solution for too long on the surface. You can then wipe away with soft bamboo fibre cloth, then go to the next section. When conducting this type of cleaning we always advise to relacquer the seats in full to protect them once again.

Once you have removed all stains you should then apply a protection cream or a clear coat leather finish and then a protection cream / leather food. Applying both will help protect your leather again for many years, keeping leather protected is the best preventative system you could use, as the protection you apply is getting the wear and not the leathers coating itself.

But NEVER apply protection cream or a leather type coating and then a leather lacquer sealer as the clear coat leather lacquer sealer won't bond, always apply the clear coat leather sealers then apply any leather protection cream or leather coating.

Leather still needs to breath, so applying a full-blown leather ceramic coating to the surface is bad as it can create drying out and speeds up the cracking of the clear coat on the surface as it's not so flexible anymore. Ceramics are not flexible like a clear coat lacquer sealer is, the leather lacquer sealers are waterproof yet breathable with a unique molecule structure to allow them to breath and flex.

We do not advise using the ink and stain remover on veg tanned leather, it's advised to use alcohol cleaner on these. On anilines, ink and stain remover can be used, but in most cases anilines will require some form of dye restoration to be carried out.

Take a look at the **YouTube video** about this product

Available sizes, 50ml – 1.70 fl oz, 100ml – 3,4 fl oz, 250ml – 8.5 fl oz, 500ml – 17 fl oz, 1ltr – 34 fl oz, 5ltr – 176 fl oz

Use Within, Use within 24 months of purchase.

Manufacturers Warranty 12 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, a shade of white.

Smell, has a slight aroma to it.

Formula, a water-based ink and stain remover.

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 ink stains, jean dye transfer, juice stains, newspaper print.

Works on these leathers, pigmented leather, top coated leather, aniline leather, semi aniline leather, antique leather, two tone leather, rub-off leather, waxy pull-up, vinyl, faux leather.

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.