

Leathers Explained

THE COMFORT OF LEATHER.

No two genuine leather hides are alike. Although we take care selecting our hides, every hide features its own unique, natural markings which are the hallmark of genuine leather. Similar to diamonds, there are different grades of leather and, if you are willing to pay more, you will typically get a more sumptuous piece of leather furniture. Listed below are La-Z-Boy's most popular leather grades, to allow you to make a more informed judgement on your purchase.



Full Leather / Top Grain

Also called top grain. This leather is a combination of corium, corium and grain junction, and the grain layer. Typically, this classification of leather is stronger and more hard wearing. As this layer is closer to the surface of the animals skin, the hide may have been damaged by insects, thorns or other animals. Defects are removed via a buffing machine, an action called grain correction. The surface is then protected with a thin pigmented layer and a pattern embossed on the upper surface. This leather is standard on all Originals collection furniture.

Split Leather

Split leather is acquired from the inner layers of the animal hide and consists of the corium and grain and corium junction. Because it consists of the inner layers of leather it is generally free from small creases, patterns and cavities such as where hair follicles have been removed. It is typically embossed with a grain and used on the backs and sides (non-contact surfaces) of La-Z-Boy furniture. This leather is found on the Comfort Studio and Urban Attitudes collection furniture, where the non-contact surfaces are split leather and the contact surfaces are full leather.

Materials key options



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OUR RANGE.

At La-Z-Boy, we aim to offer a comprehensive range of leathers to suit all tastes. Below is an explanation of each of the leather collections offered across our range of sofas and chairs.

Moda & Tutti

These extremely durable leathers are corrected grains, meaning they have been pigmented and buffed in the tannery. This process will conceal some of the natural characteristics of the leather, such as scars and veins.

Some natural imperfections will still be visible on the finished piece of furniture. Each range features a selection of attractive colour ways.

Ranch

Our Ranch leather has been lightly buffed and a micro pigment has been applied to dye the surface. The principal characteristic of the finished leather is the soft feel and mottled finish.

Mezzo

A corrected grain, however, the careful selection of hides for Mezzo means that the leather is not as heavily corrected and pigmented as Moda or Tutti. The leather is very soft to the touch and is very durable.

As with all natural leather furniture, some imperfections will still be visible.

Dolce

Dolce is a corrected grain leather, which is very soft to the touch and is very durable. It features a distinctive embossed grain. As with all natural leather furniture, some imperfections will still be visible.

Dune Leather

Dune leather, is full Aniline leather. Therefore all features such as creases, cavities where hair follicles have been removed, insect bites or scars from thorns/barbed wire are all visible on the leather.

This is a grade of leather which is not treated, buffed or corrected with any chemicals. This is known as Aniline leather, is the most natural looking but is prone to damage from spills and stains. It is also the most expensive. The different colours are achieved by dyes instead of coatings. Aniline leather that is given a very light surface coating to improve stain resistance is called Semi-Aniline.

Sidekick Leather

1.3-1.5mm - This pigmented hide carries a variety of different tones of colour accentuating its depth and richness. A final finishing process adds a light sheen for clarity, while also increasing its natural durability. The face has a defined pebble grain and a two-tone natural finish.

Concise Leather

1.3-1.5mm. A genuine 100% cowhide leather presenting a clean casually contemporary appeal. This hide provides a smooth and monochromatic pigment finish augmenting clean upholstered lines. A final finishing process is applied to increase this leather's natural durability. The face has a smooth grain for contemporary applications.

Jersey

This pigmented hide carries a full monochromatic tone of colour accentuating its depth and richness through shades, tones, and tints of that individual colour. A final finishing process adds a light sheen for clarity while also increasing its natural durability (this product has a more matt finish than Sidekick).

Vacation

Vacation is a pigment dyed leather with semi-aniline characteristics of both depth and clarity. The subtle tonal natural finish can be noted throughout the slightly corrected pattern within this hide, presenting a handsome and refined appearance.

Leather Care



LEATHER CARE & PROTECTION KIT

*All La-Z-Boy products come with a 10 year limited warranty as standard.



La-Z-Boy leather cleaner is a balanced, neutral pH water-based cleaner that gently cleanses the leather whilst enhancing its natural beauty and feel. It is most effective for cleaning general soiling, protein or water-based stains and is formulated for use on all grained, top coated and aniline leathers. Non-specialist cleaning solutions or household soap and water are not recommended because they leave a residue that will harm the flexibility of the leather and reduce wet rub resistance, damaging the finish over time.

To improve the leather's durability, we recommend La-Z-Boy leather protection cream which is suitable for all leather types except nubuck and suede. The cream creates an invisible, breathable barrier between you and your leather, increasing durability and improving resistance against stains, spots and spillages as well as providing the nutrition necessary to keep the leather soft and supple. We also recommend treating the leather before use to optimise protection.

Our system is designed so that you protect your leather first and then follow a routine of cleaning and re-protection. This way you are not actually cleaning the leather's original surface, but cleaning from the surface of the protector. Since some leathers are very porous, leather protection cream prevents stains from absorbing deeply into the leather and becoming nearly impossible to remove easily.

Usually, protected leathers that have cracked or peeled are not damaged from use, but from body oils and perspiration that have settled down into the grain of the leather and started to dissolve the finish over time. Using both the leather cleaner and protection cream as part of your regular cleaning and protection regime will make your leather last longer whilst maintaining the showroom look and feel, as well as preventing cracking and peeling which can occur over a prolonged period.

