

Imperfections on leather

Leather is a natural product and often has imperfections on the hide itself. The aim of this document is to explain to clients what kind of imperfections they can expect.

There are seven main types of imperfections on a natural cowhide, namely:

1. insect bites or skin condition,
2. scratch marks,
3. stretch marks,
4. small holes in the leather,
5. peeling of the epidermal layer,
6. brand marks (technically brandmarks are not natural, but most cowhides have brandmarks),
7. colour variation.

We do try to minimize the number of these markings and imperfections we include in the leather, but unfortunately, we cannot avoid putting some of these markings in on your couch. We will try to put these imperfections on the sides and less visible parts of the couch, but sometimes, depending on the hide, we need to put it on more visible parts such as the seat and back cushions or the top of the arm.

In the case of small holes, we will never put in holes that is more than 4-5 mm big and will put an extra piece of skin as a plug on the inside of the hide to make sure the hole doesn't become larger over time.

Tick bites, scratch mark, stretch marks, brand marks and peeling of the epidermal layer may be visible and on face value the client might think it compromises the quality of the leather, but we always make sure that it will not be such that it will cause the leather to "fail" in future times.

Clients must also be aware of the fact that leather will fade over time even if it is not exposed to direct sunlight, it might show fading. The only way to avoid this is to do a dark heavily pigmented leather. This leather has a layer of dyestuff deposited on top of the leather which is completely colour fast. Please ask your salesperson to point out leathers that will not show fading.

Thank you for shopping at Incanda. We are looking forward to building a lifelong relationship with you.

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