

Maintenance and Care Recommendations for PU Leather

The core principle for caring for PU leather (polyurethane artificial leather) is "gentle cleaning, avoid chemical damage, keep away from high heat and direct sunlight."

Here are the specific maintenance and care recommendations:

1. Daily Cleaning

- **Regular Dusting:** Gently wipe the surface with a soft, dry cloth (such as a microfiber cloth) to remove dust.
- **General Stain Removal:** For ordinary stains, dampen a soft cloth with clean water or warm water, wring it dry, and wipe gently. For heavier stains, use a neutral leather-specific cleaner (pH 5-7).
- **Tough Stain Treatment:**
- **Oil Stains:** Can be spot-cleaned with dish soap or treated with cornstarch for absorption.
- **Ballpoint Pen Marks:** Try using 95% alcohol; test on an inconspicuous area first.
- **Mold:** Wipe or soak with 40°C warm soapy water.
- **White Vinegar / Egg White:** Dip a soft cloth in egg white or a diluted white vinegar solution for certain stubborn stains.

2. Deep Conditioning

- **Choose the Right Product:** Do not use nourishing oils meant for genuine leather (oils can accelerate PU hydrolysis). Instead, select a leather protectant or wax coating labeled as suitable for "synthetic leather," "artificial leather," or "PVC/PU."
- Care Frequency
- It is recommended to condition the leather every 1-2 months by evenly applying a specialized protectant.

3. Key "No-Go" Zones

PU leather is most vulnerable to organic solvents and high temperatures. Please take note of the following:

- × **Avoid Alcohol:** High concentrations of alcohol can dissolve the surface coating, causing whitening, hardening, and cracking.
- × **Avoid Thinner and Turpentine:** Strong solvents will directly corrode the leather surface.
- × **Avoid Alkaline Cleaners:** Such as laundry detergent or bar soap; prolonged use can harden and crack the material.
- × **Avoid Direct Sunlight and High Heat:** Sun exposure or being near a heater can lead to scorching and cracking.
- × **Avoid Scrubbing with Hard Objects:** Do not use brushes during cleaning to prevent scratching the surface.

4. Storage and Daily Habits

- **Keep Dry:** Avoid storing in humid environments. If it gets wet, immediately blot with a dry cloth and let it air dry in the shade.
- **Prevent Color Transfer:** Avoid prolonged friction between light-colored PU leather and dark-colored fabrics (like jeans).
- **Ventilated Storage:** When not in use, clean the item, place it in a non-woven fabric bag, and store it in a cool, well-ventilated area. Avoid folding or placing heavy objects on top.

Summary: Treat PU leather like a delicate "plastic film." Use neutral or specialized cleaners with a soft cloth, and keep it away from alcohol, high heat, and direct sunlight to effectively extend its lifespan.