

Care Guide

Invest in a **tetrad**[®]

Traditional hand built craftsmanship combined with the best materials and innovative techniques ensure a level of quality that is second to none.

Founded in the Lancashire town of Preston over 40 years ago in Lancashire, **tetrad** has established a reputation for outstanding attention to detail. As a result, the name **tetrad** has become synonymous with fine quality and expert craftsmanship.

All this means that you can sit comfortably in the knowledge that your sofa will last long into the future.

Care and Maintenance of your **tetrad** sofa

At **tetrad** we pride ourselves on the quality of our craftsmanship. By choosing one of our sofas you have demonstrated your appreciation of quality products. We are confident that your sofa will last long into the future, but to ensure durability and long lasting comfort of your **tetrad** sofa or chair; we would recommend you follow these care and usage instructions.

Leather

Leather is a natural product. It breathes, is warm and has individual attributes, such as shade, grain variation and natural markings, which all add to its charm and beauty. We stress these marks as features indicating it is real leather, not faults. Although slight shading of colours can occur and is natural, we endeavour to match all hides used as closely as we can.

General usage and care of Leather upholstery

Leather upholstery has a soft suppleness that will last throughout the life of the furniture. On softer areas such as cushions, creases and wrinkles will naturally occur, and the leather may give a little over time on the seat areas. This is quite normal and gives a soft inviting look that you can only really get with quality leather upholstery.

Cleaning

- Dust your furniture regularly with a soft cloth or brush, to stop the accumulation of dust and dirt that cause premature wear. Avoid using a vacuum cleaner on leather.

Sunlight & heat

- All leathers can be affected by light; we recommend it is positioned away from direct sunlight and heat to protect them from fading and premature wear. (Aniline leathers are especially sensitive to sunlight).
- Do not place hot items such as hot drinks, hot water bottles or laptops on leather as they may result in dark marks. Therefore we don't recommend leather sofas for use in conservatories.
- Try to maintain at least 30cm clearance from heat sources such as radiators to prevent colour change or permanent marks occurring.

Spillages

- Remove any spills immediately. Blot the liquid with a clean, dry, white, lint free cloth, working towards the centre of the spill dabbing gently. Do not rub or use abrasive cleaners, detergents or solvents as this will result in damage to your furniture.

Leather categories

Our range consists of many hides hand-selected from the world's finest tanneries. Whilst each hide has its own particular look and feel they can be broadly separated into 4 main categories.

Aniline

The most attractive and natural leathers which are prized for their soft natural feel. These leathers that have been aniline dyed using a vat process with no colour coating added to the surface. They are the most expensive leathers to produce because only the very best selection of hides can be used to produce aniline leathers. Aniline dyed leathers are more susceptible to absorbing liquids because of the natural porosity of the hide. If you lightly scratch the surface of aniline, it will turn a lighter colour. To restore the original colour, wet your finger lightly and rub it into the leather, it should darken slightly, but dry the same colour.

Semi-Aniline

Semi-Aniline dyed leathers have been both dyed and have a thin finishing layer on the surface. They offer a combination of the softness and feel of aniline leather with the protective benefits of a surface finish. By dyeing the leather before the final top coating is applied, a very even colouration can be achieved with only a thin layer of finish remaining; therefore the leather remains softer because it is not necessary to apply a thick top coating.

Pull-up

Pull-up, also referred to as waxy or oily pull-up. Pull-up leathers are designed to look "distressed" through time and use. The leather lightens in colour when stretched during wear, creating an "aged" appearance. In places of heavy use, the oils will be pushed away leaving lighter areas – particularly on the seating areas.

Hand Antiqued

A fully penetrated aniline dyed hide, its appearance enhanced by a hand staining process. The result is a rich aged look that gives leather added depth and character. The rich oils in the retannage allows you to look deep into the surface of the leather ensuring that all the true characteristics of the leather, wrinkles, natural texture, markings etc. are visible. In daily use this patina will be further enriched. Due to varying grain structure the dyes penetrate to differing degrees in different parts giving attractive variations.

Apply **tetrad** hide polish only as directed on the container and try first on a hidden area of leather. Do not use leather soap, saddle soap, hide food or any other polish than that recommended by a reputable retailer.

Fabric

General usage & care of fabric upholstery

To keep your new sofa or chair looking good, we would recommend that you vacuum your upholstery at least once a week. If you allow dust and dirt to accumulate the colours will dull and wear will be accelerated. Avoid exposing your furniture to prolonged sunlight, as even the strongest colours may fade under such conditions.

Washable cotton loose cover

Loose covers can be washed in temperatures up to 40°C and tumble dried. We recommend leaving covers slightly damp for ease when refitting. Although covers can be dry cleaned we advise machine washing, taking care to avoid washing powders or liquids that contain optical brighteners. Do not use bleach and be aware of the bleaching effect that Benzoyl Peroxide, found in most acne creams, can have. Wash dark colours separately. Steam iron on reverse if necessary. Mop any spillages immediately with a clean white cloth. It is important to completely wash the cover at least twice a year.

Tailored fit chenille loose cover

We recommend brushing lightly or vacuuming each week to keep in good condition. Spilt liquid should be absorbed immediately with a clean white cloth or tissue. A slightly damp cloth may be used to revive the texture. The beauty of a **tetrad** tailored loose cover is that it gives the appearance of a fixed cover, but is removable to allow a full cover clean. We recommend professional dry clean only for these products.

Fixed Cover

As this cover cannot be removed for cleaning, we advise brushing and vacuuming to remove dust and dirt. Stained fabric should be dry cleaned, preferably with a powder cleaner which lifts the stain from the fabric and can be lightly brushed away. It is always advisable to try out a cleaner first on a hidden area.

Seat cushions and interiors

Fabric seat cushions which are covered on both faces should be turned regularly to maximise the life of the fabric. Fibre, feather and down seat cushions should be shaken and plumped every day.

Scatter Cushions

All scatter cushions should be plumped and turned (where possible) on a regular basis. Particular care should be taken with chenille scatters to avoid snagging, for example, when wearing jewellery or high heeled shoes, as they are of a delicate nature.

tetrad loose cover fitting instructions

Removing Covers

Washable covers

- Twist pins must be removed before removing the cover.

Tailored fit covers

- Separate all Velcro strips – under arms and frames if appropriate
- Unfasten the buttons
- Ease off, lifting not pulling, alternating from one arm to the other.
- Remove all feather cushion and scatter cushion interiors.
- Do not put cushions or scatters in washing machine

Washing Instructions

Washable loose covers: these covers have been pre-shrunk using tetrads unique wash and dye process.

Wash at 40°C

Avoid washing powders / liquids that use optical brighteners

Applying Cover

- Loosely throw cover over the back and arms
- Evenly distribute the cover across the relevant areas
- Starting with the arms, tuck in individually, working in one direction.
- Smooth out all the wrinkles
- Finish by buttoning up the back.

Seams

Seam allowances should be positioned pointing downwards.

Finished Unit

- Complete all the seat cushions and scatters
- For best results the cover should be fitted slightly damp or steamed on completion

All Tailored Fit models are Dry Clean only

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