



THOMAS MAXWELL

ARTISAN LEATHERS



For countless centuries, mankind has used and appreciated leather, for its comfort, aesthetics, and its durability amid the rigours of everyday life.

Its unique qualities have earned it great status and timeless appeal.

Today's furniture designers are demanding even more from leather to satisfy the desires of a style, comfort and quality conscious customer.

### What makes Thomas Maxwell Leathers special?

Thomas Maxwell Leathers are sourced from countries where moderate climate and farming methods encourage healthier, bigger animals that are less affected by insects, disease and heat.

All Thomas Maxwell leathers are tanned and drum dyed throughout to ensure full colour permeation, after which the leather may be lightly buffed to enhance surface appearance. Only premium unbranded hide selections are used.

Surface colours are added to provide excellent light fastness, scuff resistance and cleanability. To ensure all leathers are supplied to the best possible quality, each hide is specially rolled on cardboard tubes (not folded). This protects against creasing and marking in shipment.

Each hide is individually stamped with the Thomas Maxwell hallmark to confirm its authenticity.

### Thomas Maxwell Artisan Leathers as an Investment

An investment in leather upholstery is significant, but a well-crafted design using premium quality leather will outlast cheaper short term alternatives. Whilst the best tanning methods are crucial to leathers longevity, the real key to leathers strength lies in the natural material itself. Because of its fibrous composition, leather is naturally resistant to rips and punctures and will not 'tear' like vinyl when pierced. In extreme cases, if accidental damage occurs, new leather repair technology allows almost flawless restoration.

### Why are Thomas Maxwell Leathers softer and more supple than others?

The experienced and discerning eye of the tannery buyer ensures only the very best hides are selected and the countries of origin are very important. Those affording temperate climate, lush feed and copious water ensure that the leather is naturally soft, unblemished and not 'toughened' by extremes of heat.

Softness and 'hand' are greatly enhanced by extensive 'milling' in large wooden drums and further treatment with fine oil emulsions adds to the final softness of the leather.

### How do you know if it's real leather?

Real leather is a natural product with its own distinguishing 'hallmarks'. Among these may be counted growth lines, neck and belly stretch marks, grain variations and natural scarring. These marks do not affect its performance in any way and for the discerning buyer, such hallmarking will always display the authenticity of real leather.

All Thomas Maxwell leathers are tested in accordance with stringent international standards. The tannery certification provides re-assurance that Thomas Maxwell Artisan Leathers are genuine Bovine (cattlehide) leathers which cannot be confused with cheaper leather, bonded substitutes or 'man made leathers'.

### Does leather breathe?

Yes. Real leather is an organic material that is porous and breathes. Leather quickly assumes room and body temperature, thus eliminating extreme heat and cold. Leather is a good insulator because it contains a great deal of air, so as a 'thermostatic material' it remains cool in summer and warm in winter.

Will leather crease and wrinkle?

Most Thomas Maxwell leathers have a soft glove-like feel and will retain their unique suppleness provided they are regularly cared for. During the first few months of use, some minor wrinkles and creases may naturally occur. These are normal and help to provide the soft inviting look which is a characteristic of leather upholstery.

International Quality Standards ISO 9001-2000

Thomas Maxwell leathers are all produced and tested to international standards for properties such as rubbing, flex resistance, light fastness, thickness and strength. Tannery accreditation meets ISO 9001-2000 quality standards. Only the highest quality European dyes and chemicals are used on Thomas Maxwell leathers.

Environmental Considerations ISO 14001-2004

As demands increase for 'green' and environmentally friendly product, it is reassuring to know that all Thomas Maxwell leathers are produced at the tannery according to the world's most comprehensive environmental management system ISO 14001-2004. One important aspect of which is the treatment and recycling of the tanneries own water supply.

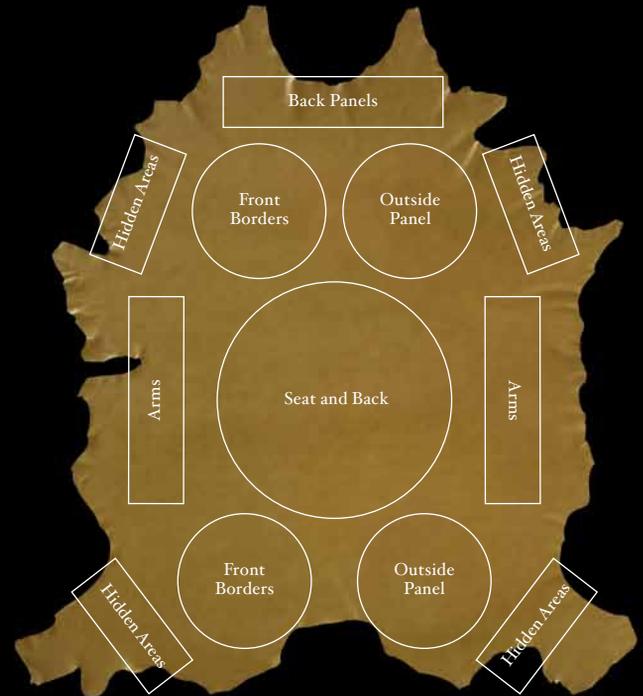
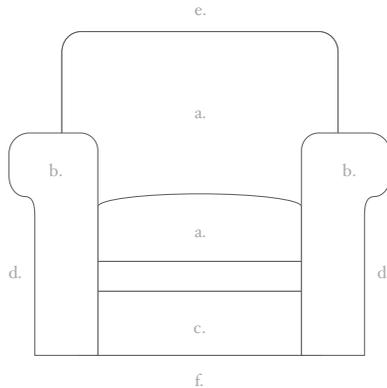
Thomas Maxwell leathers are routinely tested to pass consumer safety standards, including tests for the presence of free formaldehyde.

The supply of leather fluctuates depending on the availability of cattle hides which are by-products of beef and dairy industries. As such leather is a renewable resource produced by recycling hides and skins.

## Leather Cutting Guide

Specialist leather cutting optimizes hide yield, minimizing wastage and preserving the essential character. Belly areas are particularly stretchy and should be avoided in seating areas. The more tightly grained parts of the hide, around the butt and backbone, are ideally suited for high usage furniture sections such as seats, arms and headrests. Rough grain or scarred sections are selected for use on less visible areas such as outside backs.

- a. Seat and back
- b. Arms
- c. Front borders
- d. Outside panel
- e. Back panels
- f. Hidden areas



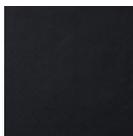
**LE MONDE**

20 Colours

0.9–1.1mm Thickness

Please note that our printed colour charts are intended as a guide only.

Le Monde is a surface grain leather, lightly buffed, pigmented and embossed to create a popular contemporary selection. Le Monde combines soft touch characteristics with everyday practicality for use in both heavy commercial and domestic applications.

			
CUMULUS	CASHMERE	RAFFIA	DRIFTWOOD
			
OCHRE	SIENNA	PRALINE	FIRE
			
RUSSET	EARTH	STONE	OLIVE
			
MOSS	PORCELAIN	CLOUDY	CADET
			
PUTTY	WOLF	CONCRETE	NERO



Sofa: *Le Monde Putty*  
 Scatters on Sofa: *Le Monde Putty*,  
*Diego Cement*, *Le Monde Praline*, *Diego Trench*  
 Ottoman: *Le Monde Praline*

**LAVELLE**

12 Colours

0.9–1.1mm Thickness

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Lavelle is a surface grain leather, lightly buffed and finished with oils and natural waxes, then lightly pigmented to achieve its silky two tone dimension. Colour selections are designed to enhance the most sophisticated living space for use in both heavy domestic and general commercial applications.



MARBLE



PUMICE



BAMBOO



CAMEL



CINNAMON



SADDLE



CYPRESS



TOFFEE



SCARLET



AUBUSSON



POLO



EBONY



Sofa: *Lavelle Camel*  
 Scatter on sofa: *Cumulus Teal*  
 Sofa Legs: *Worthington 7"*

**LONDON CLUB**

5 Colours

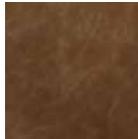
0.9–1.1mm Thickness

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London Club is a surface grain, lightly buffed leather selection, finished with a vintage waxed pull up effect. Its unique antique appearance will be enhanced with age. Recommended for use in both heavy domestic and general commercial applications.



TRENCH



CLOVE



BURROW



ACORN



COGNAC



Chair: *London Club Acorn*

## Caring for your Thomas Maxwell Artisan Leather

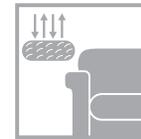
Regular light surface cleaning of leather furniture is important to prevent daily dust, grime, perspiration and body oils from becoming ingrained and causing surface damage. Obviously, lighter colours may require more attention.

	<p>Keep your leather furniture at least 30cm away from any sources of heat. Prolonged exposure to heating vents or radiators will cause your leather to dry out, crack or harden.</p>
	<p>Avoid placing your leather furniture in direct sunlight. All materials will fade with time when exposed to the sun's rays. Semi-Aniline and Aniline leathers are especially sensitive and must not be placed near windows or in the open air.</p>
	<p>We recommend you do not allow any pets to come into contact with your leather upholstery as their claws may damage it. Animal saliva and other body fluids are highly aggressive.</p> <p>Also avoid letting buckles, studs, zips and jewellery come into direct contact with the leather surface.</p>
	<p>Keep materials such as paint, fly/insect sprays, newspaper ink, nail polish/removers, pen inks, plant food sprays, hair creams &amp; gels, bleach, glue and household cleaners well away from your furniture. If you really do need to use these near your sofa, make sure you cover it first. Avoid all products containing solvents or oils, as they could damage the surface of the leather.</p> <p>Medications: If leather furniture is used constantly by individuals on some medications, extra care should be taken to protect leather surfaces from direct skin contact as the chemistry in these medications may react with and damage the leather finish. Headrest covers and arm protectors are advisable.</p>

## Thomas Maxwell Leather Quality Guarantee

For a period of three years, for both domestic and commercial applications, we guarantee to replace any leather which is found to be faulty as a result of manufacturing defect and which has been used in accordance with our performance ratings and care instructions.

This guarantee is additional to all statutory rights and remedies that are available to our customers under consumer law.

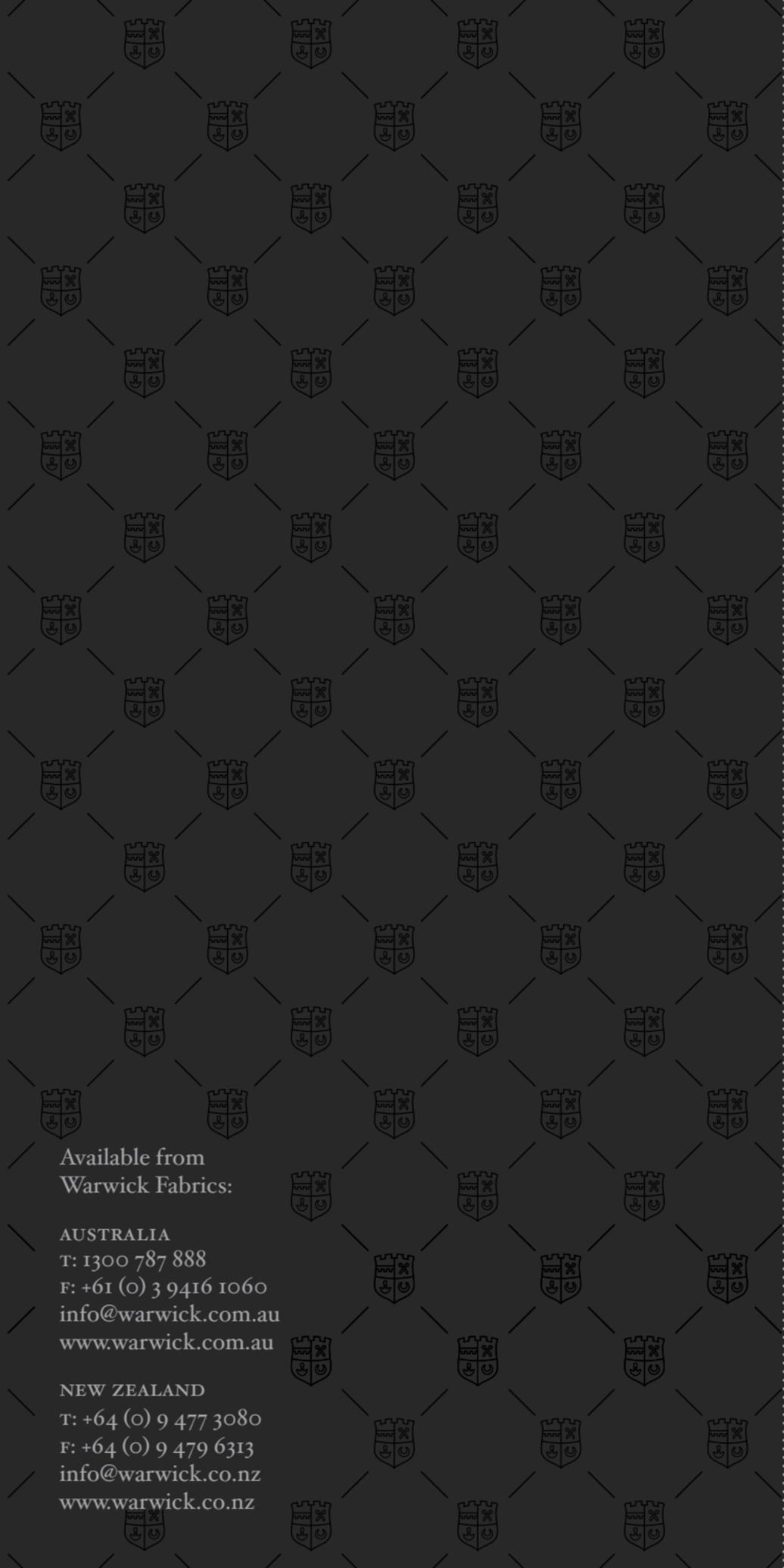
	<p>Dust weekly or use the soft brush attachment on your vacuum cleaner. Wipe clean using a soft damp cloth and Leather Soft Cleaner.</p> <p>Leather is particularly suited to people who are allergic to dust. Particles of dust are unable to penetrate leather and can easily be removed.</p>
	<p>All leathers last longer when preventive maintenance is carried out. As a general rule, clean your furniture with Leather Soft Cleaner at least every six months to remove dirt as well as the gradual accumulation of body oils and perspiration.</p> <p>For aniline and pigmented leathers, apply Leather Protection Cream to the surface of the leather to increase resistance to staining and prevent grime build up. Aniline leathers are highly absorbent and may require more frequent cleaning if they are subject to heavy usage.</p> <p>After cleaning, always re-apply Leather Protection Cream to renew the level of protection. Take special care to protect areas subject to heavy use such as armrests, seats and headrests.</p>
	<p>Do NOT use care instructions on Nubuck or Suede leathers.</p> <p>Do NOT use saddle soap, wax polishes or spray polishes. These can dry out the leather or add an unpleasant sticky surface which will attract daily grime.</p> <p>Do NOT use any product or any method of cleaning not recommended by the manufacturer.</p> <p>Note: Jeans and other non colourfast clothing can cause colour or dye transfer which is not covered by guarantee.</p>

SPECIFICATIONS	LE MONDE		
Performance	Heavy Commercial		
Warranty	3 Years		
Care	Should include the application of commercially available leather care products, used in accordance with care label instructions.		
Animal Source	Bovine cattlehide		
Origin	Italian with selected European breed		
Type	Surface grain, lightly buffed, pigmented and embossed.		
Thickness	0.9–1.1mm		
Average Hide Size	5m <sup>2</sup>		
Rubfastness (grey scale grade) EN ISO 11640 (SLF450)	Marring	Transfer	Results
– Dry 500	4	4/5	Pass
– Wet 250	4	4	Pass
– Sweat 80	4/5	4	Pass
– Dry 50	N/A	N/A	–
– Wet 20	N/A	N/A	–
– Sweat 20	N/A	N/A	–
Fastness to Light (Blue wool rating) EN ISO 105:B02 (SLF 402)	>5		Pass
Finish Adhesion (N/cm) EN ISO 11644 (IUF470)			
– Along	3.8		Pass
– Across	3.8		Pass
– Average	3.8		Pass
Flex Resistance (50,000 cycles) EN ISO 5402 (IUF20)	No cracks at 50,000 cycles		Pass
Tear Strength (N) EN ISO 3377-1 (IUP 8)			
– Along	28		Pass
– Across	27		Pass
– Average	28		Pass
pH EN ISO 4045 (IUC 11)	4.3		Pass
Water Spotting 10% Alcohol (grey scale grade) EN ISO 15700	N/A		–
Formaldehyde ISO 17226-1	27 ppm		Pass
Flammability IMO RESOLUTION A.652 (16)	Pass		
Flammability ASI530.3	Test report available on request		

Please Note: Median test results displayed based off results from light, medium and dark hides.  
N/A: This test is not applicable for this quality

LAVELLE			LONDON CLUB*		
Heavy Domestic & General Commercial			Heavy Domestic & General Commercial		
3 Years			3 Years		
Should include the application of commercially available leather care products, used in accordance with care label instructions.			Should include the application of commercially available leather care products, used in accordance with care label instructions.		
Bovine cattlehide			Bovine cattlehide		
Italian with selected European breed			Italian with selected European breed		
Surface grain, lightly buffed and finished with oils and natural waxes, lightly pigmented.			Surface grain, lightly buffed, finished with a vintage waxed pull up effect.		
0.9–1.1mm			0.9–1.1mm		
5m <sup>2</sup>			5m <sup>2</sup>		
Marring	Transfer	Results	Marring	Transfer	Results
4/5	4/5	Pass	4	4	Pass
4/5	4	Pass	N/A	N/A	–
4/5	4	Pass	N/A	N/A	–
N/A	N/A	–	4/5	4/5	Pass
N/A	N/A	–	4/5	4	Pass
N/A	N/A	–	4/5	3/4	Pass
>5		Pass	>3		Pass
5.5			Pass		
6.2			Pass		
5.8			Pass		
No cracks at 50,000 cycles		Pass	N/A		
25			Pass		
23			Pass		
24			Pass		
4.4		Pass	4		
N/A		–	4/5		
8 ppm		Pass	14 ppm		Pass
Pass			Pass		
Test report available on request			Test report available on request		

\*Test standards for Pull Up upholstery leather vary from Pigmented leather.



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