# CARING FOR YOUR FURNITURE



We have over 40 years of experience designing and manufacturing sofas and chairs. Here are some of the things we've learned over that time to help you care for your piece of Finline Furniture, ensuring it stays comfortable and looks great.

# HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR SOFA OR CHAIR

# Turn and Rotate Your Seat and Back Cushions regularly.

Turning and rotating the seat and back cushions of your sofa every week can double their life span by ensuring they wear evenly. Doing this allows the foam and fibre in the cushions to recover. Your sofa will improve over time, making it more durable and comfortable. By 'plumping up' loose cushions and feather quilted seat cushions regularly, you will help maintain their shape and look.

## Avoid Sunlight and Direct Heat.

Protect the fabric of your sofa or chair by positioning it away from direct sunlight to avoid the deterioration and fading of the fabric. Drawing the blinds or curtains when appropriate will also help. Be careful of open fires and radiators.

# Get Comfortable.

Try not to sit on the edge of the seat cushion as this can cause premature wearing. Avoid sitting on the arms of your sofa or chair as they were not designed to carry an adult's body weight. Only use them to rest your arms or lay your head down.

## Check the legs and feet

Lift don't drag! If you need to move your sofa don't drag it across the floor. Lift it to protect your flooring or carpet and to protect the legs and castors. We recommend using felt pads and castor cups under the legs and feet to avoid damage to your floor. Before & after moving your sofa, always check the legs are correctly in position. Most of our sofas & chairs leave our factory with travel legs to protect them in transit. You may be required to fit the legs yourself by turning the sofa on its back and firmly tightening the actual leg by hand. Generally, our delivery team will do this but there may be circumstances where it is not possible for them to do at the time of delivery. Don't forget to check the legs of your sofa or chair regularly to make sure they haven't spun out of place. You may be required to tighten these firmly by hand every now and then.

# Corner Sofa Clips

All our corner sofas are attached together with purpose-built brackets or clips on the underside of the sofa. To attach your pieces 1) turn the crocodile clip so it faces out 2) line up your pieces 3) push the clip into the receiving plate on the other piece. Sofas should be lifted where possible – avoid dragging, pushing, or pulling.

#### Loose Covers

Dry clean only. Do not wash, as washing will cause the cover to shrink.

#### Sofa beds, Recliners and Swivels

Do not twist or bend the metal in sofa beds, recliners, or swivels. Do not leave them on uneven surfaces as this may affect the performance of the action over a longer period by causing it to twist. If you must lift the frame, please do so from the middle of the bed or recliner action. A 1 Year Guarantee is given with sofa bed actions, recliner actions & motors & swivel bases.

## Arm Pads, Arm Caps and Throws

These loose pieces of fabric are made to protect your sofa by covering places that are used most often. Arm caps do not enhance the look of your sofa or chair but are used to protect it and ensure longevity.

#### HOW TO CARE FOR YOUR FABRICS

# Cleaning

A build-up of dirt and dust will rapidly increase the wearing down of the fabric and contribute to the colour fading. To avoid this, regularly clean your sofa or chair by using the soft-brush-upholstery attachment on your vacuum cleaner. We highly recommend in-situ professional upholstery cleaning every 2-3 years to keep your sofa or chair in peak condition. Contact a professional upholstery cleaning company for emergency stain removal. We also recommend buying 2 - 3 meters extra fabric at the time of ordering, in case of an emergency, you will always have it on hand for us to assist with a repair/replacement part.

# Fabric & Leather Samples

You may have been given or sent a fabric sample from our showroom to view at home. Your finished fabric or leather may differ slightly due to natural and dye-batch variations and because each piece of Finline Furniture is individually handcrafted. These samples are a guide for a colour and texture reference only.

#### Creasing, Fading and Dyes

Velvets, linens, and cottons can crease. This is a natural characteristic of the fabric and will not affect the materials lasting performance over many years. Please be very careful if your sofa or chair has been upholstered in a lighter toned fabric. Heavily dyed clothing like jeans can discolour the fabric (dye-transfer), especially if they are damp. If this happens, contact an upholstery cleaning specialist immediately.

#### Velvets and Chenilles

These beautiful fabrics can be very delicate. Most velvets sold in Finline have a polyester blend making them more durable. Try using a velvet-brush to remove any marks over time. It is important to remember that marking, crushing, or flattening of the pile is a natural characteristic of the material, rather than a flaw and should be expected over time.

#### Wools

Wool is a natural fibre fabric that is both strong and durable, as well as being fire resistant and hypoallergenic. Always use a cold, damp muslin, or cloth to wipe away spills on wool. As with any natural fibre, wool can pill or bobble over time. This is a natural characteristic of the fabric and does not indicate wear and tear or any fault with the fabric. It is the loosest parts of the yarn coming away. Generally, this might happen for an initial period but lessens over time. An upholstery de-fuzzer will help reduce this effect, these can be bought inexpensively online.

# LEATHER CARE

Leather is a natural product, with individual characteristics that make each piece unique and special. No two pieces of leather are the same and these differences give leather its beauty, distinguishing it from synthetic alternatives.

Although it is a highly resilient and durable material, be careful to avoid contact with sharp objects such as sharp-edged toys, buckles, studs on jeans, jewellery, and domestic pets. Avoid exposing leather to direct sunlight or heat as the material will fade, like any other fabric. At Finline Furniture, we only use 'genuine leather', which naturally stretches and ages over time. Genuine leather 'wears in rather than wearing out'. The unique qualities and imperfections of each piece should be enjoyed and appreciated over the years.

## Cleaning Leather

Use a clean, dry cloth to wipe down leather sofas regularly. Using a microfiber cloth or cotton muslin will help prevent dust from building up. For stubborn dust, dampen the cloth with distilled water. Never allow water to soak into leather, so make sure the cloth is not soaking wet. Attend to liquid or food spills immediately. Hair products like gel and oil, or animal hair can stain leather if there is consistent contact with the same place on your sofa. Clean this area more regularly with a damp cloth.

Most of our leathers do not require any treatment or 'feeding,' and using products or solvent cleaners can actually cause damage. However, our Osborne Range of leathers does require occasional feeding to prevent it from drying out. Depending on usage and conditions, this is usually needed once every 5–10 years. Leather feed can be purchased from us or from any hardware store and should be a wax-based leather care product.

# RECOVERING YOUR FINLINE SOFA OR CHAIR

If you move to a new house, redecorate your room, or just want a change, we can recover your sofa or chair at any time. Please send us a photograph of the piece you would like to recover, and we will revert with an approximate quote of how much this will cost.

#### LIFETIME FRAME GUARANTEE

As part of our commitment to quality, all Finline-made orders come with a Lifetime Frame Guarantee. This guarantee is in addition to your statutory rights and applies to domestic use only.