

A modern living room interior featuring a light-colored sofa with patterned and yellow pillows, a coffee table, and a chandelier. The room has white walls with decorative paneling, a large window, and a wooden floor.

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DURESTA

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Every Duresta frame is guaranteed for 25 years to provide a stable and robust base, upon which we have created our designs.

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Introduction

A Heritage of Luxury

At Duresta, we have been handcrafting the finest luxury furniture in Nottingham since 1938. Since then, Duresta has become the brand of choice for high end, luxurious designs; creating modern classics and celebrating heritage English furniture.

We have been champions of artisan furniture making for over 80 years, and are committed to preserving this legacy as we refine our collections, creating luxurious sofas and chairs.

Exceptional Quality, Beautifully Executed

At Duresta we only use the finest quality materials that will provide long lasting, luxurious comfort.



Modern Classic Design

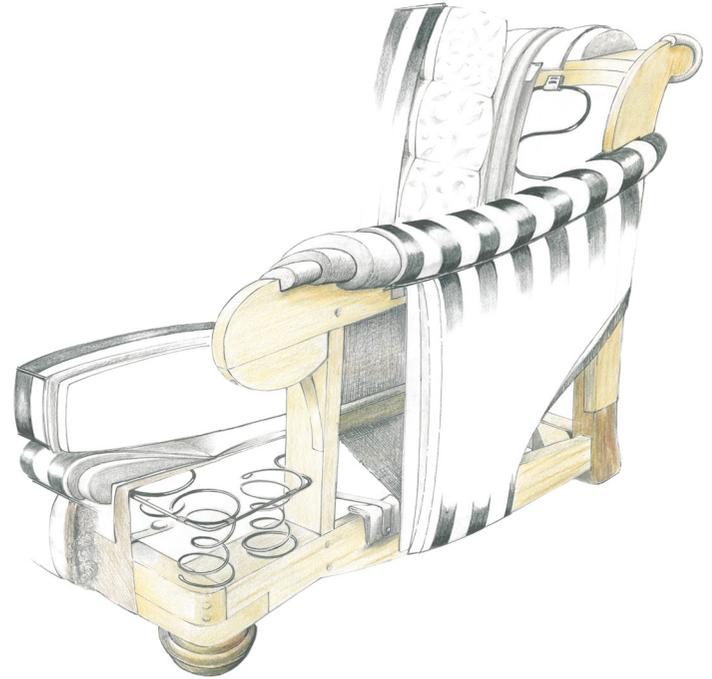
All of our fabrics are chosen from the most prestigious and innovative mills sourced from around the world.



Crafted by Hand in England

All Duresta furniture ranges are handcrafted by our highly skilled craftspeople using the finest materials. We have mastered and refined traditional furniture-making methods to ensure that every piece of upholstery we produce is perfect in every detail.





This booklet contains essential information, to help you prolong the life of your new Duresta furniture. With Duresta, it's what you don't see that really counts. We only use the finest quality fillings and materials available that will provide long lasting comfort.

**Illustration is not representative of all Duresta products. We use various specifications of frame construction, springs and interior fillings appropriate to the design of specific products*

A Guide to Care & Maintenance

REGULAR MAINTENANCE

We recommend that you vacuum your Duresta furniture occasionally, using a soft brush attachment. If you have feather seat interiors - brush the cover with a soft brush, as there is a risk that a vacuum could pull the feathers into the cushion fabric.

Over time, minute dirt particles will settle on your furniture and will impregnate the fibres of the fabric. Even though these particles are small, they can be sharp and could cause premature wearing of the fabric.

CLEANING

It is difficult to give precise instruction on cleaning your Duresta furniture as different fibres and fabric construction combined with local environmental factors require specialist cleaning techniques. We recommend that you contact a professional upholstery cleaning company.

SPOTS AND SPILLS

In the unfortunate event of a spillage, we recommend that you act as quickly as possible. Do not rub, soak the material or allow the stain to dry and set. Absorb the spillage using white kitchen roll or a white bleach free dry absorbent cloth.

Where solids are concerned, scrape up with a blunt knife or spatula, being careful not to spread the stain further. Treat wine, spirits or coffee stains with distilled water only. For oil and grease marks, use a proprietary cleaning fluid. We recommend that you purchase upholstery cleaning fluid now and keep it safely stored at home for future use.

Some stains respond better to removal whilst they are still wet. Before tackling the stain with any cleaning fluid, we recommend that you perform a test on an unexposed part of fabric to ensure no further damage is caused. Some cleaning fluids can affect the dye in certain fabrics, causing ringing or smudging. If in any doubt, please seek help from a professional upholstery cleaning company.

FABRIC CHARACTERISTICS

We use natural fibre, synthetic fibre and combinations of both within our fabric collection.

In general, fabrics with high natural fibre content are softer and have a better drape than man-made fibre. Softer fabrics with little inherent stretch and recovery in them tend to look creased and follow the contours of the cushions and furniture to a higher degree than stiffer fabrics. Some fabrics have a back coating applied to comply with fire regulations, which can also make the fabric stiffer. Please note that different fabrics on the same interiors will alter how the furniture feels when you sit on them.

Natural fibres also tend to have more knots, slubs and irregularities which are sometimes mistakenly identified as flaws.

PILLING OR BOBBLING

Short and loose fibres which are woven into fabric during production are present in many new fabrics and can cause fabrics to pill. This results in small tufts of fibres appearing on the top surface of the fabric. These can easily be removed using a de-pilling device. The initial pilling of new fabrics is not detrimental to the durability of the furniture.

PILE FABRICS

There are generally two types of woven pile fabrics - velvet and velveteen. For velvet construction - the pile is shorter, less dense and therefore more secure, whereas Velveteen fabrics have a higher pile, with a denser fibre count. Both fabrics are durable to abrasion; however pile can be pulled from velveteen fabrics easier than velvets. Pile fabrics can become crushed and flattened over time, which can give the impression of uneven wear. Crushed pile can be easily restored by brushing, cleaning and steaming from a professional upholstery cleaner. Pile crushing is not a fault but an inevitable characteristic of the fabric construction.

HEAT & SUNLIGHT

Avoid leaving furniture in direct sunlight, as this can cause fabrics and leather to fade in a short period of time. Prolonged exposure to sunlight (such as a conservatory) can also cause certain fibre types to break down and become weak. Care should be taken to protect the upholstery and to avoid damage.

Avoid leaving your upholstery too close to fires or radiators, as significant changes in temperature can cause materials in the furniture to expand and contract causing premature wear and tear.

WEAR AND TEAR

Certain fabrics with typical long weaving stitches are vulnerable to snagging by sharp objects, such as, buckles, studs, rings, children's toys and even pets. Consideration of weight placed on your furniture and uneven distribution of weight can result in excess load being applied to the frames and spring units. Over time, this can change how the furniture feels to sit on. In general, Duresta furniture is designed to support 100kg for each seat.

LEATHER

There is much to consider when choosing leather furniture, as it is available in a great variety of qualities and finishes. At Duresta we seek to manufacture upholstery to the highest standards and always endeavour to retain the natural beauty and integrity of good quality materials.

Our hides are completely natural. Wrinkles, scars, scratches and bites, together with varied, interesting textures and colour effects are what reveal the full character of the material. It is important to understand that these characteristics will be present. This natural hallmark distinguishes top grain aniline leather from lower grade leathers. Only 5% of hides produced are selected for aniline dyeing and are subsequently used by Duresta. The leather is soaked in transparent dye which allows natural marks to remain visible. Each completely unique hide takes on a new character and will exhibit colour fluctuations due to the tendency of leather to accept dyes differently in certain areas.

The top quality aniline hides used by Duresta will increase in character over the years that you own your furniture. Most scuffs and scratches will appear and fade during use and given the care due, your Duresta leather upholstery will endure for a very long time.

A Guide to Leather - FAQs

WHAT IS ANILINE DYE?

Aniline dye was invented in the mid-19th century and became famous in the Victorian times. Aniline dye allowed the development of a new colour, Mauve - which became all the rage in England and France. More importantly it has a transparency that enhances the characteristics of natural materials, such as linen, silk, wood and leather. Today aniline is an industry term for transparent dyes that are used to colour top quality hides.

WHY IS ANILINE DYED LEATHER CONSIDERED TO BE THE BEST?

The top grain hides selected for aniline dyeing come from the best 5% of all leather produced. The hides are soaked through in aniline dyes and drummed for softness. Being transparent, aniline dyes impart a translucency and retain the personality and definition of each individual hide. This contrasts with the majority of leather furniture available, which relies mainly on 'corrected grain' (artificial texture printed on using rollers) and 'pigmented' or painted finishes. In some cases, 'split' leather (the bottom layer of a hide) is used, which is inferior in strength and finish. While such leathers are cheaper, they often take on a less characterful, more vinyl-like appearance.

HOW CONSISTENT ARE COLOURS?

Colours vary across individual hides and between different hides. Dyes are absorbed differently and change in thickness, location and moisture content - which will influence its colour density and hue. Texture and tone will vary across each individual furniture piece. In some cases, the appearance of our leathers are enhanced by the addition of surface colour to provide an antique effect or to strengthen the density of colour, particularly in the case of light cream hides.

HOW DOES LIGHT AND HEAT AFFECT LEATHER?

Sunlight is a natural bleaching agent that causes leather and fabrics to fade. Excessive heat will draw out the moisture naturally present in leather and may lead to deterioration in its performance. Never place aniline dyed leather furniture in direct sunlight as this will cause it to fade, dry out and crack.

HOW DO I CARE FOR MY LEATHER UPHOLSTERY?

All Duresta aniline dyed leathers include a light surface finish to help resist stains and scratches. In the event of an accidental spillage, it is imperative to act quickly. Carefully soak up any excess liquid, ideally using the edge of a paper towel, then dab gently with a fresh towel, taking care to avoid spreading or soaking in the remaining liquid. Please note that not all types of stains will clean away.

Please bear in mind that all aniline leather requires some maintenance. In addition to regular dusting - light scratches and scuffs can be removed by gently buffing with a slightly damp, soft cloth or chamois. It is important to rub very gently, to avoid colour change. Saddle soap, cleaning solvents, furniture polish, oils, waxes, abrasive cleaners, general stain removers and any silicone or ammonia based products should never be used. While scratch removal cream can be very effective, always check that they are suitable for aniline leathers before use.

Should you have any further questions regarding the quality and care of your Duresta upholstery, please contact your Duresta retailer.

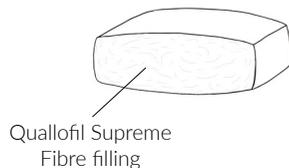


Cushion Fillings

When purchasing your Duresta furniture, it's incredibly important to choose the right type of filling for your seats, backs, and scatter cushions to ensure optimal comfort for you. The filling you choose for your seat and cushions can make all the difference. Below is a guide to help inform your choice.

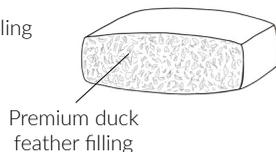
FIBRE:

- Man-made synthetic material
- Plump appearance
- Deep, soft comfort
- Non-allergenic
- Must be plumped up regularly



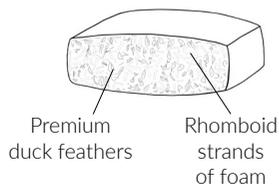
FEATHER:

- A natural filling that offers a "sinking in" feeling
- Soft, relaxed solution
- Daily plumping is required to retain shape
- Becomes softer with use



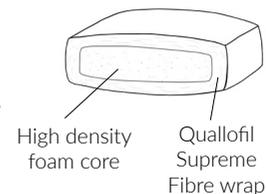
DURALUXE:

- Channels of rhomboid strands of foam, together with duck feathers
- Aesthetic and comfort of a fibre or feather cushion, whilst retaining durability
- Regular shake and turning of the cushion will help retain definition
- Exclusive to Duresta



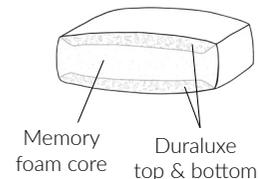
SUPAWRAP:

- Foam core with fibre wrap
- Resilient
- Non-allergenic
- Requires little attention to retain appearance
- Provides the support of foam and the softness of fibre



MEMORYLUXE:

- Memory foam core wrapped in Duraluxe
- Memory foam core gives a more resilient interior that recovers after use
- Aesthetic and comfort of a fibre or feather cushion, whilst retaining durability
- Regular shake and turning of the cushion will help retain definition
- Exclusive to Duresta





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