



# Leather Repair Company

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## LRC15 – Leather Prep.

The Leather Prep is a unique water-based Leather Prep solution, it's water-based, eco-friendly, and safe to use. It's innovating the leather industry throughout the world.

Its purpose is to remove the surface clear coat lacquer sealer and leather paint on the surface.

Preparing leather for restoration is best done with a fine red abrasive pad, inside the pad that is folded in half place a small amount of terry towel cloth, this is used to hold the leather prep while you rub the pad over the surface of the leather.

Doing any leather repair job requires the top surface to be removed fully, the abrasive pad shown in this picture below is what you would use loaded with leather prep to remove the surface coating. Click the picture to view a video.



When you rub the abrasive pad over the surface this will help soften the leather and remove all the scratches and cracks in the leathers surface. Stress cracks that have gone into the leather can then have heavy filler applied to them and then sanded down once dry.

Where some furniture has different type of leather like finished splits, proceed with caution as the leather prep could remove all the top grain structure, so only very lightly prepare this area, even if you don't use your abrasive pad, you can just soak a terry towel in leather prep and go over the surface in this manner.

You have to leather prep everything to ensure all grease, grime, waxes and silicone's have been removed and any colourants. If these are not fully removed, then the leather colourant is not going to adhere to the freshly prepared leather surface to give a strong bond and it will not last.

Using a terry towel cloth or an abrasive pad, red fine pad, fold it in half and place within the pad a section of towelling then soak the towelling in leather prep just so it starts to run out on its own. Or you can spray Leather Prep directly onto the leather and rub over the surface with a red scotch pad to remove some of the surface colour.

Preparation is the key point in colour repairs / restorations do not skip these steps it will not work and rectifying it will take time!

The purpose of using the leather prep is to prepare the surface ready to take the new colour. Using the terry towel rub this over the surface to remove as much of the old colour as possible where you have scrubbed over the surface with

the red scotch fine emery pad, this will remove most of the cracks in the leather as they predominantly not in the leather itself but in the surface coating that's applied to the leather, the leather repair paint coating.

The Leather Prep thins down the surface coating, making the leather feel softer and feel much better. Dry cracked leather will be made soft and feel luxurious again after using the prep when carrying out a colour restoration process, as the prep removes the cracks and stiffness that's in the leather and softens it to feel beautiful once again.

This gives it a much better end result once colour has been applied to the new fresh surface, but for leather that's still feeling stiff after the leather prep stages, it's best to apply some leather softening crème.

With vinyl, you can prep the surface with the leather prep solution, but no colour will be released from the vinyl as long as it is original and never been coloured before, as it's an injected plastic and the colour is in the material, whereas with leather the paint is sat on the surface of the leather skin.

With materials like Faux Leather, Vegan Leather, Bonded Leather, and Bicast Leather never use a red scotch pad to prep the surface of these materials, as the coating is fake and not painted. It's a fine plastic film on the surface that also contains the grain pattern, once that's removed you can't repair it and you have to replace the material fully.

### **Additional information about carrying out prep work to leather.**

With classic car seats (painted Connolly leather) they can look very badly cracked. This cracking is in fact in the top surface coating and not often in the leather itself. Using the Leather Prep will remove it. This same process also applies to modern car interiors and furniture. Use the prep to thin the coat rather than fill the cracks. If you are going to recolour a pigmented leather that has got grease marks, make sure you prep the leather first with the abrasive pad.

The prep will break down the surface coating making the removal of any grease patch areas much better and more affective. It is not always necessary to prep anilines or pull up leathers. But if you plan to change the colour of pull up leathers then it's best to prep it to remove the waxy oily finish coating. If you just need to cover a stain, then simply clean the areas down with the LRC1 Leather Cleaner and wipe with alcohol cleaner and then spray the offending areas. If you are just wanting to fix small scuffs and scratches in painted leather you don't always need to use the prep and an abrasive pad, but it's always best to just wipe the area down with some prep on a cloth for good measures to remove waxes and oils.

With aniline leathers, you can prep these. But we would not use a red emery pad as they are too abrasive for these fine leather surfaces. Use the leather prep with a bamboo fibre applicator pad to help remove stains and grime and some surface aniline leather dye.

Even if you have not prepped the leather, it's very important to always lightly sand the area first with a 1200 grit paper, then wipe the area down with alcohol cleaner before putting on any colour, always use the alcohol cleaner after using the leather cleaner. It's best to apply the alcohol cleaner to cloth rather than directly on to the leather, then wipe the cloth over the leather with the alcohol cleaner as this takes off any final grease, grime or dirt from the leathers surface. Once this is all done you can carry out the repairs and re colour your leather item.

Leather that has grease stains in it, it's best to use the grease remover to remove all traces of grease before applying any leather colourants, if this is not done the leather paint will not adhere to leather surface and will come off again. If you are de greasing an area it's always best to go over this with the leather cleaner after de greasing and then wipe down with alcohol cleaner.

You are now ready to continue to any type of restoration, repair, or colour change job.

Take a look at the [YouTube Video](#) about this product.

**Available sizes**, 250ml – 8.5 fl oz, 500ml – 17 fl oz, 1ltr – 34 fl oz, 5ltr – 176 fl oz.

**Use Within**, Use within 24 months of purchase.

**Manufacturers Warranty 12 months from point of sale.**

**Temperatures**, do not allow to freeze or go below 7 °C.

**Before Use**, always check in a small hidden area before using to ensure its suitability for the leather.

**Colour**, a shade of light green.

**Smell**, no aromas added.

**Formula**, water-based leather prep.

**Skin Allergies**, if you have skin allergies always wear gloves, wear goggles when applying.

**Cautions**, Harmful if swallowed. Keep out of reach of children, may cause skin irritation. Seek medical attention at once, do not induce vomiting. Avoid contact with eyes, rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do so, continue rinsing. Use a mask at all times using in a well-ventilated area.

**Uses**, to prepare the surface on pigmented leather, to remove the clear coat lacquer and to remove the paint on the surface of leather or to remove waxes and dyes from aniline leather.

**Works on these leathers**, Pigmented Leather Aniline Leather, Corrected Grain Leather, Semi Aniline Leather, Two Tone Leather, Antique Finished Leather, Top Coated Leather, Rub-Off, Waxy Pull-Up, Vegan Leather, Bi Cast Leather, Bonded Leather, Faux Leather, Vinyl.

**For use on**, Car Leather Interiors, Leather Sofas, Leather Chairs, Leather Shoes, Leather Handbags, Leather Briefcases, Leather Saddles, Equine Leather, Leather Jackets, Motorcycle Leathers, Leather Boots, Leather Purses, Leather Trousers. Leather Clothing, Motor Bike Leathers, Leather Walls, Leather Tables, Leather Watch Straps.