

Leather Descriptions & Care Instructions

Box Leather

Box leather is ideal for hospital and restaurant use. It has a smooth, clean finish with the natural irregularities removed. This leather is also referred to as 'finished' or 'corrected' leather. ***It is the easiest leather to maintain and can be wiped clean with soap and water.***

Cabrio Leather

Also called 'brush-off leather', Cabrio offers a dressier look. The leather is dyed through, coated with a black top coat, then brushed off in the finishing room to reveal the rich color beneath and to provide a high-gloss shine. ***Clean gently with a soft, dry cloth.***

Calf Leather

Calf leather is Dansko's choice for Hampton, our dressiest line. Buttery soft with a subtle glow, this leather is smooth and delicate. ***To clean, we recommend using Dansko Leather Cream and a soft cloth.***

Oiled and Rustic Nubuck

Oiled and Rustic Nubuck have the same closely napped, silky feel as Nubuck, but with noticeably more oil tanned into the leather. Naturally occurring blemishes are slightly more visible in these tannages and suggest a more rugged appearance. ***Scuffmarks and dirt can be removed with Dansko's Nubuck and Suede Bar and Brush, and for maximum weather and stain protection, we recommend Dansko's Suede and Nubuck Spray before wearing.***

Oiled Leather

This is a heavily oiled, matte-finish leather with high pliability and moisture resistance. It is often referred to as 'distressed leather' because naturally occurring blemishes are often visible below the surface, making it suitable for rugged outdoor wear. ***It has a pronounced pull-up, which allows surface scuffs to be easily worked out with the fingers, while stubborn dirt can be removed with Dansko's Oiled Leather Restorer. If weatherproofing is desired, we recommend using Dansko's Beeswax Conditioner with lanolin.***

Latigo Leather

Latigo leather has a smooth, tight grain and semi-transparent finish. ***To clean and maintain suppleness, we recommend using Dansko Leather Cream, cream polish, or neutral wax, applied with a soft cloth.***

Nubuck

Nubuck, the softest of our leathers, has a closely napped finish and a silky feel. It is the leather of choice for rich, bright color, and it is recommended for leisure use or in sandals. Surface dirt can be removed with a damp washcloth or brush. ***Use Dansko's Nubuck and Suede Bar and Brush to remove surface stains, lift surface dirt, and raise the nap for a fresh look. For maximum water and stain protection, we recommend using Dansko's Suede and Nubuck Spray before wearing.***

Smooth and Tumbled Leather

The smooth and tumbled leather used in Dansko's Paddock Collection is a supple, full-grain, hydrophobic leather that resists acid, salt and grease. ***To clean we recommend using a damp cloth. Dansko oiled leather restorer may be used to condition and restore the appearance of leather that may have weathered or dried out from exposure.***

Vegetable-Tanned Leather

Vegetable-tanned leather has a smooth, tight grain and either a semi-gloss, transparent finish or a burnished finish for a hand-antiqued look. ***To clean and maintain suppleness, we recommend using a cream polish or neutral wax, and for maintaining shine, use a soft cotton cloth to bring brightness back to the surface of the leather.***