

Leather Magic!™ Leather Steering Wheel and Trim Kit Instructions

Thank you for purchasing the **LEATHER MAGIC!™** Leather Steering Wheel & Trim Kit. This kit will enable you to refinish your leather with minimal effort. Please follow all step by step instructions to achieve the best results.

This kit contains the following components:

1- 4 oz Leather Prep • 1- Sandpaper • 1- 4 oz Bottle of color coat • 1- Applicator Sponge • 1- 2 oz Leather Cleaner
1- 2 oz Leather Conditioner • Instructions

Please be prepared before beginning by having the following supplies ready for use: Paper or Cloth Towels, Drop Cloths, Newspaper or Cardboard, Hair Dryer, Masking Tape, Bucket of Clean Water

Step One: Clean the area thoroughly using Leather Cleaner. This will remove all dirt, grease or other foreign matter that has accumulated on the surface and may interfere with the adhesion of the colorant. Rinse the area well with clean water to remove all traces of debris and cleaning material. **Dry thoroughly.** A hair dryer will dramatically speed drying time. Make certain that all foreign matter such as particles of dirt, or other loose matter is removed, especially from between the seams and crevices.

Pour a generous amount of Leather Prep solution onto a clean cloth or paper towel and scrub the area extremely well. Leather Prep will remove all waxes, oils and silicone from the surface of the leather that simple cleaning does not remove. But more importantly, Leather Prep will also open the pores of the surface of the leather so that all repair and refinishing materials become more deeply absorbed and embedded into the leather. This action creates a very permanent and identical replication of the original finish. Some removal of the existing surface color is normal and should be expected. Dry the entire area well before proceeding. On steering wheels we recommend repeating this step due to continual exposure to oils and other contaminants.

Step Two: Lightly sand the entire area. This will create a base for the new colorant to adhere to and will also remove any flaking of the old finish. If any light scratches exist, these may be smoothed out with the sandpaper. Do not sand excessively. Use only the sandpaper provided. Other types of sandpaper will damage the leather. The purpose of sanding the leather is primarily to achieve a base for the colorant, and remove any rough or flaking areas that may exist. Be careful not to “rough-up” the surface by over sanding. Avoid sanding over stitches. This will cause the sewn in stitches to fray and will leave an undesirable appearance to the finished area. Wipe off any remaining dust with Leather Prep. Make certain that the area is completely dry before proceeding.

Step Three: Mask any areas that you do not wish colorant be applied as well as all surrounding areas with drop cloths, newspapers, plastic or cardboard to prevent spills onto these areas. Shake the bottle of Color Coat well before application. Pour a *small amount* of the colorant onto the applicator sponge, wipe on light thin coats, working one section at a time. Apply the colorant with smooth, even strokes. Avoid leaving bubbles or “brush marks”. If this occurs, these may be wiped out before drying. *Do not try to cover the area in one coat, several light coats work best. The least amount of colorant used produces a much better finish and will last longer.* Dry the area well between coats. You may use a hair dryer on low heat. Several Coats will be required, keeping each coat very light and thin. Slowly add colorant until all areas are covered well and produce a uniform finish.

Step Four: Once the recoloring procedure has been completed and completely dry, the item may be placed back into service immediately. Extreme caution must be exercised during this time to avoid scratching or damaging the new finish. ie; no sharp objects, heavy usage or contact with food or liquids. After 48 hours the colorant will be completely “cured”. Leather Conditioner may be applied about an hour after completion, but it is best to wait 12 hours for best results. This will compliment the durability and appearance of the finish. No other special measures will need to be taken except for normal care and cleaning.

Cleanup: The colorant used in this kit is water based. Plain soap and water may be used to clean tools etc. If colorant has dried onto unwanted areas, isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol) may be used for removal. First hour cleanup will be relatively easy. After 48 hours cleanup will be extremely difficult.

Optional Leather Repair Compound: If you have purchased the optional DT-152 Leather Repair Compound to make repairs, please follow these directions: Prep the area as outlined in steps #1 - #2. Spread the Leather Repair Compound with a finger just slightly beyond the scratched or cracked area, leaving enough material to fill the void area and make it flush with the surrounding surface. Thin coats will enable you to complete the job much faster. Allow the material to dry completely and then sand to a smooth finish. Be certain that the crack is filled and gone before proceeding to Step #3.

Leather Prep: Leather Prep is a very strong Alcohol based product that must be handled properly.

1. Always use protective gloves when working with Leather Prep.
2. Make certain that adequate ventilation is provided during its' use. The use of a respirator that conforms to 9NIOSH/MSHA TC 23C or equivalent is recommended during and after application.
3. EXTREMELY FLAMMABLE LIQUID MAY BE HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED OR INHALED KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. NA 1263 Paint Related Material

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