

HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR SHOES



Top-Grain Leather

Top-grain leather is smooth and often somewhat shiny.

Top-grain leather shoes should always be cleaned before applying conditioner. Wipe the surface with a moist cloth; for more thorough cleaning, you can also use leather cleaning products. For cleaning, we recommend using **Collonil Bamboo Lotion**, suitable for all leather surfaces. Spray the lotion to the surface of the leather, distribute with a soft cloth and let it dry. Dirt will detach from the material by itself in 30 minutes, and can be brushed away.

You can protect and renew top-grain leather shoes with shoe grease. Apply it to the surface (using a shoe brush for example), let it dry for 30 minutes, and then polish the surface. Use black shoe grease for black shoes and clear shoe grease for colored or many-colored shoes.

In order to preserve the breathable quality of leather shoes, use only silicon-free conditioning products; we recommend using wax and beeswax.

You can also protect your top-grain leather shoes with a moisture repellent protection spray, but we recommend treating them regularly with grease in any case, so that the surface will not dry out. The surface of leather should be cleaned before using the spray. We recommend using **Collonil Protect & Care spray**, which is suitable for all types of leather. Spray the protection spray thoroughly on the shoes and let it dry; the treatment can be repeated if needed. After the spray has dried, polish the surface with a brush.

Rasvanahkaja -nupukki

Oiled leather and oiled nubuck are types of leather with oily finish and soft surface.

Oiled leather and oiled nubuck shoes should always be cleaned before applying conditioner. Wipe the surface with a moist cloth; for more thorough cleaning, you can also use leather cleaning products. For cleaning, we recommend using **Collonil Bamboo Lotion**, suitable for all leather surfaces. Spray the lotion to the surface of the leather, distribute with a soft cloth and let it dry. Dirt will detach from the material by itself in 30 minutes, and can be brushed away.

Oiled leather and oiled nubuck can be treated with a suitable conditioner. We recommend using **Collonil Rustical conditioning cream** to protect and revitalize the surface as well as refresh the original color. Apply the conditioner to the surface of the leather and let it dry for 30 minutes. Next, roughen up the surface fibres of nubuck with a brush.

Note that regular shoe grease is not suitable for oiled leather or oiled nubuck, as it will not be absorbed into the leather, and may have an adverse effect on the surface texture and colour.

Nubuck

Nubuck is a kind of leather with soft, velvety surface.

Nubuck shoes should always be cleaned before applying conditioner. Nubuck surface should be completely dry before cleaning it with a shoe brush or nubuck sponge; for more thorough cleaning, you can also use leather cleaning products. For cleaning, we recommend using **Collonil Bamboo Lotion**, suitable for all leather surfaces. Spray the lotion to the surface of the leather, distribute with a soft cloth and let it dry. Dirt will detach from the material by itself in 30 minutes, and can be brushed away.

Nubuck can be treated with a suitable conditioner. We recommend using **Collonil Nubuck + Textil conditioning cream** to protect and revitalize the surface as well as refresh the original color. Apply the conditioner to the surface of the leather and let it dry for 30 minutes. Next,

roughen up the surface fibres of nubuck with a brush. It is also possible to use colored conditioner creams to refresh the color of your shoes.

You can also protect your nubuck shoes with a moisture repellent protection spray. The surface of leather should be cleaned before using the spray. Spray the protection spray thoroughly on the shoes and let it dry for 30 minutes; the treatment can be repeated if needed. We recommend using **Collonil Bamboo Protect & Care spray**, which is suitable for all types of leather. After the spray has dried, roughen up the surface fibers of nubuck with a brush.

Nubuck surfaces will become shiny with use. Use a soft nubuck stone to brush to renew the matte finish of your shoes.

Split Leather

Split leather has a sanded, "fuzzy" surface.

Split leather shoes should always be cleaned before applying conditioner. Split leather surface should be completely dry before cleaning it with a shoe brush: you can use a harder brush for cleaning split leather than for other types of leather - just remember to not brush too hard. For more thorough cleaning, you can also use leather cleaning products; we recommend using **Collonil Bamboo Lotion**, suitable for all leather surfaces. Spray the lotion to the surface of the leather, distribute with a soft cloth and let it dry. Dirt will detach from the material by itself in 30 minutes, and can be brushed away.

Split leather can be treated with a suitable conditioner. We recommend using **Collonil Nubuck + Textil conditioning cream** to protect and revitalize the surface as well as refresh the original

color. Apply the conditioner to the surface of the leather and let it dry for 30 minutes. Next, roughen up the surface fibers of split leather with a brush. It is also possible to use colored conditioner creams to refresh the color of your shoes.

You can also protect your split leather shoes with a moisture repellent protection spray. The surface of leather should be cleaned before using the spray. Spray the protection spray thoroughly on the shoes and let it dry for 30 minutes; the treatment can be repeated if needed. We recommend using **Collonil Protect & Care spray**, which is suitable for all types of leather. After the spray has dried, roughen up the surface fibers of split leather with a brush.