

# COWHIDE RUG CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE SUGGESTIONS

## MAINTENANCE

When your rug first arrives, it may have developed creases or folds that are unavoidable during shipping. After unrolling and placing the floor covering in its intended place, these handling folds will disappear. Coffee table books or other weighty objects can supplement gravity temporarily as well. A non-slip rubber backing is standard and guarantees that the rugs lay flat.

With everyday use, rugs require very little care. A light sweep of a broom to remove debris and dust works best. If vacuuming, operate with non-rotary brush attachments. The rotating beater bar used for carpets will damage the rug and lead to premature balding. You should not use it.

A note on UV exposure. We construct our collection of Cavallini Rugs and all of our Cowhide Rugs based on naturally occurring hair color. As found in nature, these natural colors are resistant to fading or discoloration. Accent colors utilized in our Cavallini Rug Collection are dyed hair colors; consideration of direct UV exposure should be factored-in during selection. These dyed-colors will fade or discolor over time. Rotating your rug will help it age more evenly and naturally.

## CLEANING

For everyday spills or soil, soak up with a paper towel or clean cloth immediately. Wipe with a clean, absorbent cloth or sponge. The fabric should be damp but not wet. You can use a mild non-detergent soap solution such as Dawn soap. Do not attempt to wash in the washing machine or dry clean. Always allow the hide to air dry naturally. Never dry using a hairdryer or use chemical-based cleaners or cleaning products.

*NOTE: These instructions are suggested methods of cleaning hair-on cowhide. Edelman Leather is not responsible for damage incurred while cleaning. Always try cleaning in a hidden area first.*