

SOFA CONSTRUCTION

Frame

Searles Homewares frames are made with solid wood that provides for exceptionally sturdy, long-lasting furniture pieces. Our manufacturers use engineered timber to further reinforce the hardwood frame on the sides and back. The frames are joined with corner blocks, heavy-duty staples, and industrial-strength glue. All frames have a 5-year limited frame warranty.

Suspension

The seating of the frame is constructed with sinuous steel springs that are securely fastened and provide long-lasting support and comfort. The back of the frame is constructed with synthetic webbing that offers soft and supportive comfort.

Cushions

All of our seat cushions are produced with a high-quality, high-resilience foam core. On some of our designs, the high-resiliency foam is wrapped in fibre and placed in a channelled cotton casing with a blend of feathers, down and fibres. Over time, all foam and filling will soften depending on usage.



Down blend cushions will become softer and will puddle. This is normal and not considered a defect in construction. Since the sofa is wrapped in plastic during transportation, you might experience a slight smell. Once the sofa is unwrapped and allowed to air-out, the smell will go away after a few days.

Seating comfort

Searles Homewares medium-depth sofas keep you vertical, yet relaxed. The dimensions are our most universal, suiting a range of heights and body types.

Centre leg support

Don't be alarmed when you inspect your sofa and notice the centre leg support does not touch the ground. As a rule of thumb, the centre leg support, located in the middle of the sofa, typically does not touch the ground when no one is on the sofa. It is there for additional support to help evenly distribute the weight.



CARE INSTRUCTIONS

Cushion care

When you receive your new sofa from Searles Homewares, please be aware that the cushions will need some time to adjust. Cushions are made to fit your sofa, and are packed, shipped, and delivered to you before being sat on. Depending on how often you use your new sofa, it could take a couple of weeks to allow the cushions to break in and soften up fully. We recommend rotating cushions regularly to ensure even wear and, thus, prolong the life of your sofa. If the cushions are reversible, you should flip them along with changing their location. Rotation keeps the cover positioned properly on the cushion core. It also evens out the impact of frictional wear and sun exposure on the fabric. Fluffing cushions regularly will help to restore their loft. We recommend to rotate, flip and fluff loose pillows weekly or biweekly, depending on the amount of use the piece receives.

FABRICS

Fabric characteristics

Our fabric selection includes a variety of natural and synthetic materials. While we select durable and high-quality materials, slight differences in texture, colour, or appearance among fabrics (and leathers) may occur between production runs. This is normal and not considered a defect. Searles Homewares works closely with our supply chain partners to ensure each production run falls within our approved variance range. Over time, exposure to extreme temperature changes and direct sunlight may cause colour changes. Fabrics are not guaranteed against wear, fading, or shrinking.

General fabric use

We recommend routine vacuuming or light brushing. Use the upholstery attachment tool of your vacuum cleaner to remove loose particles. We recommend to vacuum the sofa at least once or twice per month. This will prevent the build-up of dust, which can damage the fabric over time. Avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight, since this can cause fading.

How to spot-clean stains

Blot spills immediately with a clean, absorbent white cloth. Blot from the outside to the middle of the affected area to prevent rings. Spot cleaning can cause a ring or fading. It is best to have the entire piece or cushion casing cleaned by a professional cleaning service to ensure consistent results.

Overall fabric and slipcovers cleaning

For thorough cleaning Searles recommends using a professional in-home upholstery cleaning service. We suggest annual cleaning but this can vary depending on usage.

Pilling

Pilling is an inherent characteristic of many high-quality upholstered fabrics, caused by natural fibre migration from the yarns to the fabric surface as the fabric is rubbed. It is not a fabric fault or defect. The small pilling pieces must first be allowed to form before they can be removed, so it cannot be proactively resolved. When pilling occurs there is often a concern that the fabric is disintegrating and will leave a worn-out area, or will not retain the proper structure in the fabric. This is not the case. Pilling will stop once the excess fibre is gone. It is recommended to use a fabric pilling comb to shave over the pills. Rarely does pilling re-occur after utilising this method.

Leathers

Leather is a natural material. Slight differences in texture, colour, or appearance from hide to hide may occur. Leather is particularly subject to variations in colour and markings, such as wrinkles, stretchmarks, and healed scars may show. Also, no piece of furniture can be produced from a single hide. These characteristics make leather unique and are not considered defective. Natural colour changes, exposure to extreme temperature changes, and direct sunlight may cause colour changes and/or surface damage. Over time, leather will naturally develop a patina and a softer, more supple feel, adding comfort and character.

General leather care

Minor scratches, such as from fingernails, or light scuffs may cause a slight mark without truly damaging the leather. Start by using your fingers to gently buff these marks on the surface.

Wood care

Remove dirt from wood surfaces with a damp cloth and then dry. Do not use an abrasive cleaner. Protect wood from liquids, heat, direct sunlight, and abrasives. Note that wood finishes may still darken with time and exposure to the elements. Maintain wax as needed, using a natural beeswax or paste free of paint thinners. Hardware may loosen with use. Periodically check to make sure connections are secure.

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