

Leatherette Jacket Care & Maintenance Guide

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“ A little care goes a long way — and with a leatherette jacket, most problems are easy to prevent or fix. ”

Why care matters.

Leatherette looks great, but like any high-use garment, it needs a gentle routine to stay that way. Follow the steps below, and you ’ ll avoid common issues (peeling, cracking, odor) and get years of wear from your jacket.

1) Daily Care — fast habits that save time

Wipe your jacket after each wear with a soft, damp cloth to remove dust and surface oils. Use a lint-free microfiber or cotton cloth. Don ’ t scrub — light pressure is enough. Let it air once in a while on a wide hanger to release trapped moisture.

2) Spot Cleaning — how to clean a leatherette jacket safely

Blot any liquid immediately with a paper towel — don ’ t rub. Mix mild liquid soap with cool water. Dip a soft cloth, wring it nearly dry, and wipe the stain outward. Rinse, then air-dry away from heat.

3) Deep Cleaning & Washing — Can you machine wash a leatherette jacket?

Usually no. The PU/PVC coating can crack or peel. If the label allows, hand wash gently in cool water, rinse well, and air-dry. Never tumble dry or bleach.

4) Fixing Peeling & Delamination

For minor peels, use flexible fabric glue. For larger patches, apply a fabric patch with adhesive. If 40% or more is damaged, replacing the jacket is often best.

5) Preventing Cracking or Peeling

Store on padded hangers, avoid sunlight and heat, and never use oil-based conditioners. Use silicone-free sprays made for synthetics.

6) Storage & Long-Term Care

Hang, don't fold. Use breathable garment bags. Stuff sleeves lightly and air out before long-term storage.

7) Emergency Fixes & Quick Troubleshooting

Sticky finish — wipe with 50/50 vinegar + water. White residue — mild soap wipe. Faint scratches buff gently with a soft cloth.

FAQs — Quick Answers

Question	Answer
How to clean a leatherette jacket?	Wipe with a damp cloth; spot-clean with mild soap; hand-wash only if label permits.
How to fix peeling faux leather?	Small peels: flexible PU glue; big delamination: patch or replace.
Can you machine wash a leatherette jacket?	Generally no — only if the care label explicitly allows it.
How to prevent cracking?	Avoid heat/UV, store properly, and rotate wear.