

Garrett Leather: Taking Responsibility

- As a product of nature, leather does not require as many manufacturing processes as other man-made materials, such as synthetic fabrics and vinyl.
- Leather is a much more durable product, lasting up to five times longer than fabric. This reduces replacement costs, as well as unnecessary waste.
- Garrett's upholstery leather is a byproduct of the meat industry. Animals are never harmed solely for the use of their skins. The skins used to make Garrett's products would otherwise become landfill.
- Prior to production, the hides are packed in salt for preservation and shipped from meat packing plants to our Italian tanneries. The salt used is recovered and returned for use on future shipments.
- Garrett Leather only uses the top layer of the hides to produce top and full grain products. The lower level splits and trimmings are used to make suede, bonded leather and other lower-end products that are used by other distributors.
- During the tanning process, the dyes and other ingredients used are carefully measured for each production run, so that virtually 100% of these products are absorbed into the leather hides.
- Remnant water generated by the tanneries is directed to special treatment facilities that return it to the environment actually cleaner than it originally started.
- After the hides arrive at Garrett's headquarters in Buffalo, New York, the shipping pallets are either returned to the tanneries in Italy for future use, reused to ship large orders to customers, or collected by third parties to use in other industries.
- Warehousing conditions at Garrett are such that leather has an infinite shelf life. No products are ever lost due to degradation.
- In Garrett's corporate offices, paper use is kept at a minimum. Garrett's updated software allows all internal departments to communicate with each other with virtually no paper use.
- All necessary internal documents are printed on paper that is reused and recycled.
- Incoming packaging is collected and reused whenever possible.
- In Garrett's sampling department, Sampling Technicians are trained to utilize the maximum amount of each hide when cutting samples. The small amount of leftover pieces is collected and donated to charitable organizations, along with old samples that are returned from customers.
- In Garrett's shipping department, all corrugated packing materials are made from recycled paper. These packages are specially engineered to allow for the maximum use of carton space.

Garrett's products are GREENGUARD Indoor Air Quality Certified®

