

Fabulous FURNITURE

Leather has it easy in recliners



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Recliners often are the easy chairs of life.

Get home from work and hit the recliner, then pull the side lever and lay your body out. Close your eyes and relax. You can even fall asleep here and often do.

Recliners fill a needed role in the living room or great room. One can accompany a sofa in a great combination of style and color. The recliner chair can contrast well with a sofa to work both pieces in the entire room's design.

It's no longer "Dad's" chair, either. Daughters have been known to doze off in it while watching television. Mom can

Relaxing: With the choices of fabric or leather, people ultimately want comfort in their recliners. This recliner is the Longhorn model by BarcoLounger.

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curl up with a blanket with a good book, a movie or favorite comedy. Of course, there's Dad armed with remote, jumping between football games and golf.

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"We've got a lot of people who are price conscious and want a good product," said Paul Franks, president of Franks Furniture in Wayne. "They want a good, washable product."

Franks noticed that the store is now selling more leather, but fabric remains the chair of choice.

"As soon as the weather turns, in late September or early October, we get people who look at these, but people also move in the summer and they need furniture, too," Franks said. "The rocker-recliner is our best seller," said Franks. "When someone sits in one of these, (the recliner) just moves with the body."

LaZBoy remains the best seller. "It's the only one that has three adjustable posts for the footrest, and a movable position for the seat."

Franks also offers swivel

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Newton Furniture

options for all the rocker-recliners.

Colors vary, but blues, greens, beige and taupe are popular. Taupe is often chosen to match a pattern in a sofa, Franks said.

Newton Furniture owner Bill Wolf said leather has grown in popularity. "It's taking over tremendously," said Wolf. "It's being watched today, and it is used for that purpose."

Shoppers can spend anywhere between \$300 for a cloth recliner to \$500 up to \$2,000 for a leather recliner, Wolf said. There is a big difference in price between cloth and leather.

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"They don't have to be big and bulky. They can be used anywhere and they can be as comfortable as a sofa can be."

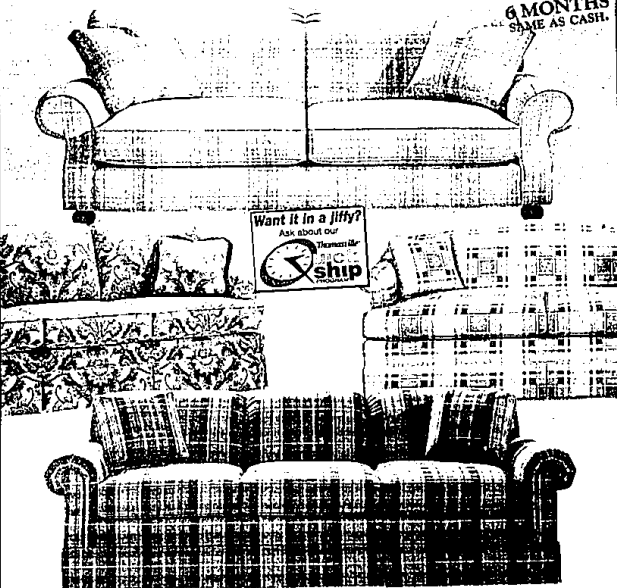
Shoppers should sit in the chair before purchasing it. "What is comfortable for you may not be comfortable for me," Wolf said. "They should take into account how tall they are and how big they are."

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