

Conservation of the Travelchest.

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In 2015 restauration students of Tartu Art College conserved a travelchest which belongs to Estonian Road Museum.

The travelchest was in a very bad condition. Leather was dirty and brittle, with tears, cracks and losses. Textile lining was dirty, with spots and holes. Metal details and nails were rusted. Wood constructions were partially deformed.



Fotos 1-3: Before conservation (Malev Toom)

The travelchest was cleaned in dry method. A dust and insects excrements were removed using soft brushes and vacuum cleaner. Rusted and deformed nails were removed too. Cleaned leather surface was treated at first with ammonium hydrate water solution and after that with distilled water. Textile details were removed, washed and repaired. Delikate places were duplicated with Reemay. After that detiles were glued back on their places. A big crack under the bottom of the chest was repaired with wooden wedges. Small holes were filled. The filler contained with PVA glue, chalk and fine sawdust. Metals was cleaned and treated against the rust. Broken nails were replaced with new nails. Leather was repaired using leather and coloured japanese paper patches. Tears were confirmed and the surface of the leather was treated with KlucelG solution.



Foto 5: Removing textiles (Silli Peedosk)



Foto 6: Removing nails (Silli Peedosk)



Foto 7: Filling holes (Silli Peedosk)

Foto 4: Dry cleaning (Silli Peedosk)

After conservation works the travelchest is exhibited again.



Fotos 8-10: After conservation (Malev Toom)