

## INSIDE STORY

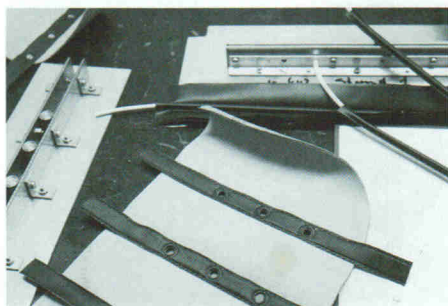
A LOOK AT YOUR CAR'S UPHOLSTERY

# Specialist workmanship for exclusive Italian interiors

**INTRICACIES OF LEATHER** FAITHFUL, ORIGINAL AND ONLY THE BEST

### HVL italian car interiors

Many Ferrari enthusiasts will have heard of Connolly leather. It's a world famous brand. But what about HVL? Exclusive Italian Interiors? Never heard of it? Yet Connolly and HVL are very much linked to each other.



HVL is a one man company run by Dutchman Henk van Lith (hence the company initials). As is customary with one man companies Henk is very passionate about his work. This is immediately obvious when you meet him. He likes to talk about what he does and doesn't mind taking the time to explain all the intricacies of the world of leather car interiors.

Nowadays, Henk specializes in Italian car interiors and more specifically in Ferrari interiors. Even Ferrari themselves turn to Henk for advice and he is heavily involved in the Classiche programme. Of course, Ferrari don't choose just any kind of company to work with. They recognise the special qualities Henk has. Not only is his work outstanding but his knowledge of leather is almost unparalleled, especially when it comes to Connolly leather, which has been used by Ferrari for years.

The world of leather car interiors wasn't exactly on Henk's mind when he joined the military years ago. But soon he was working at the sewing department, repairing the soldiers' clothes and eventually almost everything else, including the upholstery of planes and helicopters. He learned quickly and he liked what he was doing. Things got a

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At first he did work for planes and all sorts of classic cars but after a while one of his Ferrari customers, Dutchman Jean-Louis Bezemer, advised him to specialise in Ferrari only. Henk visits Bezemer regularly to search in Jean Louis' archive, for information about Ferrari. Besides that he had gained a lot of experience with Connolly leather.



Connolly itself went bankrupt in 2002. Just before that unfortunate moment Henk had borrowed a big collection of swats and so on to show at a Dutch Ferrari Club meeting. Just when he wanted to return them Con-

