

Feeding Your Sole

Basic Leather Care for the Average Leather Person
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Why

Leather is skin. It needs care and attention. It gets dry, it fades. With a little love, care, and regular maintenance you make your leather garments last a lifetime. Because let's face it. You paid a lot of hard earned \$\$ for them!

Basic Leather Care Kit

Basics	Miscellaneous Tools
Dauber Brush(soap) Glycerine Soap (Saddle Soap) Fiebing Glycerine Soap Terry Towels Stiff Brush / Toothbrush Dye	Lighter Thick metal spoon Sharpie Super Glue / Tacky Glue Suede Brush Rubbing Alcohol
Oil Tan / Garment Kit	Polish Kit
Terry Towels Oil Conditioner Huberds, Obenhaus, Aussies, Chelsea Leather Food Oil Brush Dubbin / Shoe Cream	Polish Angelus, Lincoln, Kiwi Cotton Rag Nylon / Pantyhose / Tights

Note: A favorite product of many people Meltonian is being discontinued. Some substitutes: Tarrago, Saphir

Where to Buy Supplies

Mr S Leather
Your local cobbler / shoe repair shop
Amazon
Baltor And Sons (Near the Airport) (Warehouse. Not super user friendly)

Types of Leather and their Treatments

Suede

Do not use soap, oil, or polish. You should only use a suede brush and an eraser bar. Brush it to raise the nap up a little bit. There are some special cleaners available.

Oil Tan and Garments. (Usually Chrome Tanned)

Clean the leather. Use oils to condition the leather. Dye or use Dubbin as needed to restore color.

Polish

Hard Shine (Usually Veg Tanned) (Firm)

I use Angelus lustre cream base.

Apply a layer of polish. Buff out. Repeat

Softer Shine (Usually Chrome Tanned) (Firm)

I use Meltonian on these usually. Apply than buff.

How Wax Polish Actually Works

Wax melts. It fills in the little imperfections on the top of the leather. When you buff out polish you are using friction to melt the polish, and pressure to flatten and smooth it out: thereby shining the leather.

Lacing

Ian's Shoe Lacing Site: <http://www.fieggen.com/shoelace/index.htm>

Laces can be used to flag! Either directionally, going left, vs going right. Or with colors. But. Be Careful.

There is some history to be aware of in relation to Skin Head Culture.

The big two to stay away from are RED and WHITE straight laces. (Ladder Lacing)

Good Resources

Bootblack Wiki. <http://bootblack.wikidot.com/> (slave tabitha IMsBB 2015)

Anyone Can Shine. <http://anyonecanshine.com/> (bootdog IMBB 2008) also <http://www.bootdog.com/>



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ANATOMY OF A JUMP BOOT