FACTS ABOUT LEATHER

4 REAL FACTS

1 SUSTAINABLE

LEATHER IS A SUSTAINABLE MATERIAL

Properly made and sourced leather is a truly sustainable material. Hides and skins are mostly a by-product dependent on the meat and dairy industry. Transformation into leather is the best use for those hides and skins. The leather industry is creating a material that is both natural and long lasting.

ALMOST ANY SKIN CAN BE USED TO MAKE LEATHER

Almost any skin can be used to make leather. To be named “leather” the skin must be essentially intact with its original fibrous structure. The hair or wool may, or may not, have been removed. Synthetic materials made to look like leather are sometimes incorrectly referred to as ‘synthetic leather’. This term can be legally challenged when used as a marketing argument, and is clearly illegal in a number of countries.

2 NATURAL

3 DURABLE

LEATHER IS UNIQUE IN ITS ABILITY TO COMBINE BEAUTY, COMFORT AND PRACTICALITY

Hides can be manufactured to create a wide range of finishes and colors, and to achieve a beautiful balance between form and function. A leather product is durable and often becomes more beautiful and comfortable with age as it conforms to your own personal use, those with a natural finish can also help regulate temperature through breathability. Leather offers protection from wind and cold, and can be made resistant to rain and snow.

LEATHER TANNING IS A MODERN, SAFE AND EFFECTIVE PROCESS

Various tanning methods are used for turning a hide into leather; the most well-known are chrome and vegetable tanning. All methods have a comparable environmental impact and are environmentally safe when the industry’s best practices are followed.

4 SAFE

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