

How to Order Leather

Leather is sold by the hide on a square foot basis. Whole hides generally run 45-55 square feet. Half hides are hides cut from the head to the butt of the hide.

Equivalents of leather square footage to 54" wide fabric goods are shown below:

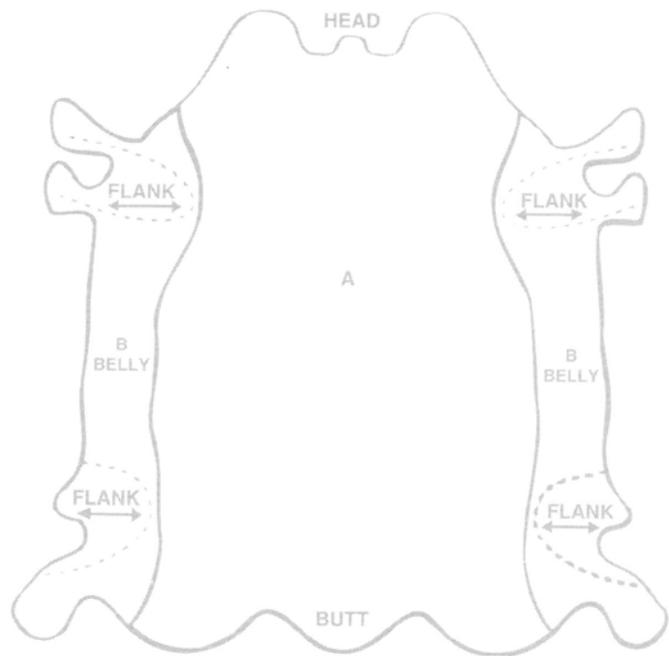
17 Sq. Ft.	=	1 yard	102 Sq. Ft.	=	6 yards
34 Sq. Ft.	=	2 yards	119 Sq. Ft.	=	7 yards
51 Sq. Ft.	=	3 yards	136 Sq. Ft.	=	8 yards
68 Sq. Ft.	=	4 yards	153 Sq. Ft.	=	9 yards
85 Sq. Ft.	=	5 yards	170 Sq. Ft.	=	10 yards

Cutting Instructions for Genuine Leather

A hide of genuine leather is nature's product and care must be exercised in cutting one. The leather should always be cut face up. The diagram shows various areas of the hide and they are used as follows:

Section A should be used in cutting seat tops, inside backs, cushion bands and other sections that will receive the most strain and use. This is the prime portion of the hide.

Section B should be used for outside arms, backs or any other parts of the seat that receive little or no flexing.



Perforated Leather

Perforated leather is available in three common types: the Highland perforation is used by General Motors and Chrysler; the Hampton perforation is used by Ford; and the Euro perforation is used by Ford and General Motors. The Euro perforation is directional, having wider vertical spacing of the holes as opposed to the horizontal holes. Special care must be exercised when ordering the Euro perforation since the perforation will only work in one direction.

How to Care for Leather

Leather is one of the most durable materials available but it is not indestructible. Dust it, wipe it occasionally with warm water and a non-alkaline soap. No polishes, waxes or saddle soap are necessary. The oils are sealed in, buffing with a soft cloth is all the polishing it needs.

Remember that leather is natural material. Cows tend to get scarred. For example, they'll walk into fences and scar themselves. It is industry practice to accept scarred hides as normal and not as flawed. **The Miami Corporation cannot be held liable for scarred hides.**