

Cortina

LEATHERS

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ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

As an ISO 9001:2015 Certified Company, Cortina Leathers firmly adheres to all EPA guidelines and government regulations as part of a company-wide policy to maintain the sustainability of our environment. While producing leather in the most responsible manner possible, we have a long-term commitment to respect the earth's natural resources. We maintain an affiliation with both the hide renderer and the tanner that offers a vertical integration allowing us a unique awareness of the tanning processes from start to finish.



SCS CERTIFICATION

Our leathers are SCS Gold certified for low VOC emissions that qualify for many building rating systems, including LEED v4, BREEAM, WELL Building, and Living Building Challenge. SCS is a global leader in independent certification of environmental, sustainability, food quality and food purity claims. Over two decades, SCS has developed internationally recognized standards and certification programs aimed at spurring the highest level of environmental improvements, social accountability and product performance. Its programs span a wide cross section of the economy, recognizing accomplishments in agricultural production, food processing and handling, forestry, fisheries, flowers and plants, energy, green building, consumer and business product manufacturing, and corporate social responsibility.

CORTINA LEATHER ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

Cortina Leathers continually evaluates its business practices to determine how to best support the environment. We are members of the Leather Industries of America Organization to keep us abreast of all new environmental legislation and ideas to keep all processes in compliance.

- Scrap leather is recycled to a company that makes small leather goods.
- We have made arrangements with our customers to ship back boxes that can be reused for future shipments.
- A service is employed to collect and recycle extra cardboard, packaging material, and wooden pallets.
- We recycle all paper products used in our facility.

LIFE CYCLE OF LEATHER

Leather begins as a by-product of the meat industry. The longevity of leather is unmatched by any other upholstery material 4 to 1 and is one hundred percent post-consumer recyclable. The beauty and distinction of leather increases with age and attests to the taste and discrimination of the owner.

TANNING AND FINISHING PROCESS

Our line of chrome-free products, Showcase Eco, Harmony Eco, and Hospitable Hides Eco offers a biodegradable/vegetable tanned leather alternative. This process is completed in one of the only tanneries that utilize separate equipment totally dedicated to the process of chrome-free tanning. ALL of our finishes used for both our chrome tanned and chrome-free tanned products emit well below the allowable VOC (volatile organic compounds) as established by the EPA. None of our pigments contain metals.

REDUCED PRODUCT MAINTENANCE

All Conneaut Leather finishes are water-soluble; reducing the need for use of harsh chemical cleaners and solutions. Minor spots on our products can be washed off using lukewarm water and a mild soap. Water also replenishes the moisture content in the leather. Leather should never be cleaned with abrasive solvents, alcohol, or wax-based products.

ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS

We have established an environmental team consisting of the President, Quality Manager, Maintenance and Technical Supervisor to monitor and maintain internal awareness and compliance. In addition, Conneaut Leather has its own water treatment process and our water is tested daily.

PROP 65

The State of California requires manufacturers to provide a clear and reasonable warning before knowingly and intentionally exposing anyone to a chemical in the Prop 65 Chemical List; Prop 65 has set "Safe Harbor" levels for these chemicals and dictates that any products that contain any of these chemicals above the safe harbor level be disclosed. Please note: Our products do not contain the chemicals listed in Prop 65; however, we use Titanium Dioxide which is only harmful if airborne and unbound, but it is bound in our use and NOT airborne.

CONFLICT MINERALS

In compliance with Section 1503 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform Act relating to the use of conflict minerals (3TG), Cortina Leathers does not use tantalum, tin, tungsten, or gold in our products.

FIRE RETARDANT PRODUCTS

Cortina Leathers does NOT use flame retardant products in the leather unless specifically stated or requested. While we offer these products, they are added on request only or are spelled out as included.

AESBESTOS, LEAD, and HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM

Cortina Leathers declare that none of our product lines contain asbestos, lead or hexavalent chromium.