

## 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, we have a

long-term commitment to respect the earth's natural resources. We maintain a close relationship with the tanneries allowing us to ensure responsible leather-making practices from start to finish.

### Life Cycle of Leather



#### SCS CERTIFICATION

Our leathers are SCS Gold certified for low VOC emissions that qualify for many building rating systems, including LEED v4, BREEM, WELL Building, and Living Building Challenge. SCS is a global leader in independent certification of environmental sustainability. 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.



#### LEATHER INDUSTRIES OF AMERICA

Founded in 1917 the Leather Industries of America has a long and productive history of assisting and, in most cases, leading the tanning industry through the complicated and threatening morass of government regulations. The evolutionary process of regulatory development has resulted in a comprehensive and complex system of regulations covering clean water, clean air, waste disposal, and contaminated land cleanup. The Leather Research Laboratory, created by LIA has provided technical assistance in assessing and responding to various regulatory proposals necessary to successfully minimize the negative impact on the leather industry and provide confidence for its future.





## Cortina Leathers 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 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.
- Lead free

### 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. Our products do not contain the chemicals listed in Prop 65. However, we use Titanium Dioxide, 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 RETARDENT 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.

### ASBESTOS, LEAD, & HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM:

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