



Turnstyle Designs – FIC leather Guidelines

For our catalogue lines, we only use the very best full grained (top and strongest section), vegetable tanned (all natural), drum dyed, bridle leather. We use the Butt and Shoulder section, which again is the best part of the hide with the least creases and imperfections. The cows are reared outdoors where the farmers do not use barbed wire, which dramatically reduces the scarring, (the cows also prefer it).

All free issued materials are subject to testing for suitability. The following are guidelines and are to be used to indicate the range of leathers we have worked with.

Please be aware that free issued/special order leather has not been tested for longevity and is not guaranteed against leather failure.

All Recess, Saddle, Club, Combination and Savile ranges are hand stitched by our Master Harness Workers, highly skilled craftsmen and women. Saddlers, Strap and Steel Framed ranges are machine stitched. All parts are also bonded with a specially prepared super strong glue. The hand stitching is not just decorative, but also assists the leather to fix to the metal work.

Leather like all natural materials will change with age, according to the situation, exposure to sunlight and usage or lack of. The more you use it, the better it looks, the oils from your hands feed the leather and create a unique patina. Like an old handbag or brief case the character of the leather gets richer with age.

Door Pulls and Levers

Combination (ex-Bow and Plain) and Recess
Thickness used 1.1 – 1.3 mm OR over 3mm

Bow
Thickness used 1.3 – 1.5 mm OR over 3mm

Plain
Not available with FIC

Cabinet Handles

Recess
Thickness used 1.1 – 1.3 mm OR over 3mm

Saddle
Thickness used 1.1 – 1.3 mm OR over 3mm

Savile
Thickness used 2.0mm OR over 3mm

Strap (Button and Square)
Thickness used 4.0 mm

Bow (Button and Plain)
Thickness used 2.0mm OR over 3mm