

Dehner Boot Care

Boots are an investment. Treat them like one! Dehner boots, like any leather product, need care and attention to keep them looking their best. The following guide should help you determine what's best for your boot as well as what products to avoid.

- Part 3: Creams and Polishes

leather was carefully cut and molded to your exact measurements, then stitched with nylon thread for long wear. The boots should be a snug fit when you first wear

foot to slide in.

The Break-in Process

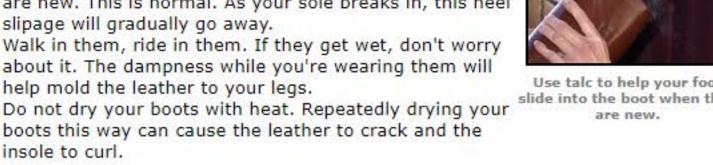
them. This is completely normal. Here are a few suggestions for breaking them in... They will be a bit hard to put on at first, so sprinkle a little talcum powder inside the boots, particularly around

Your boots are made of the finest materials -- fashioned by expert craftsmen. The

 You may feel some looseness in the heel when the boots are new. This is normal. As your sole breaks in, this heel slipage will gradually go away. Walk in them, ride in them. If they get wet, don't worry about it. The dampness while you're wearing them will

the instep. Although still snug, this should allow your

- help mold the leather to your legs. . Do not dry your boots with heat. Repeatedly drying your boots this way can cause the leather to crack and the
- Before many wearings, the leather will begin to adapt itself to your legs. After awhile you will find that the boots have become a part of you.





Cleaning and Conditioning One of the questions we get asked the most is how to properly clean a Dehner boot. The answer to this

Sometimes the simplest way really IS the best way. Plain tap water is ideal for everyday cleaning and is the easiest on the leather. DO NOT USE SADDLE

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key points you always want to keep in mind.

SOAP! Now we know this may come as a shock to many but despite popular belief, the saddle soap can actually harm your boots. The following exerpt is taken from an article titled "The Saddle Soap Myth" and it was written by Dr. Herndon Jenkins. It first appeared in

question can vary by leather type but there a few

from its alkalinity. Neutralize a soap solution and it becomes ineffective as a cleaning agent. Most saddle soaps call for the user to work the lather into the leather but, since the dirt which has been loosened is suspended in the lather, it is pushed back into the leather and into the pores.

After so many years in the business, The Dehner Company has seen first-hand how continued use of such saddle soaps can actually decrease the life of a boot. A damp cloth with plain tap water should always be your first choice but if something more is

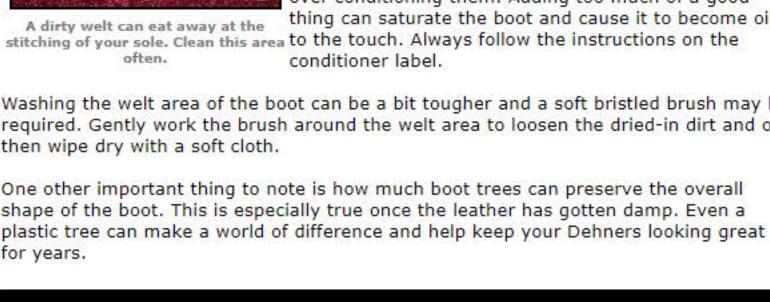
Soaps are inherently alkaline, but alkalinity is damaging to leather. The ability of soap to emulsify oils and release oil-entrapped dirt is inseparable

conditioner such as Lexol. Lexol, and other cleaners like it, have a pH-balanced formula which helps you avoid the damaging effects of alkaline-based soaps. Use these cleaners for the tough

and soft.

needed or you have a really tough stain, try to find a pH-balanced cleaner and





finish.

DO NOT USE A LIQUID POLISH.

lifespan and dry it out quite quickly.

What about Dehcord?

Dirty Welting

over conditioning them. Adding too much of a good thing can saturate the boot and cause it to become oily stitching of your sole. Clean this area to the touch. Always follow the instructions on the conditioner label. Washing the welt area of the boot can be a bit tougher and a soft bristled brush may be required. Gently work the brush around the welt area to loosen the dried-in dirt and oil

dirt and grime, but as with any chemical, use it sparingly and ALWAYS follow your cleaning with a

a conditioning product as well. Conditioning helps

Although your boots need oil to stay healthy, avoid

conditioning. Most brands such as Lexol will also make

replace the "good oils" that keep your boot breathing

Creams and Polishes Now that your boots are clean, let's take a look at what works and what doesn't when you want to add those finishing touches to your boot.

At some point during the life of the boot, most people are probably going to want to spiff them up a bit and get them looking shiny and

new again. This can be accomplished in different ways, but it's important to keep your boot's leather type in mind as well as the

water or @KIWI Express Shine. (see next section)

Dehcord is a synthetic leather manufactured by Majilite and used in the shaft of our stock dress and bal-laced patrol boots.

country looking to find a less expensive alternative to calfskin.

Cost effective and long lasting (10 year shelf life), Dehcord was the perfect solution for police departments across the

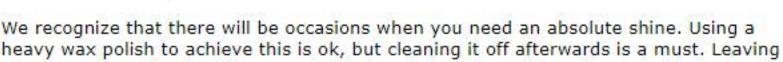
Just as with any boot, proper care needs to be taken to

product you plan to use. Let's begin by taking a look at each type of leather we offer and find out what the limitations are. Imported Calfskin- A very dressy leather that can take a shine easily. Creams or polishes will work well as long as you follow the guidelines below. Voyager- Voyager leather is a good alternative to calfskin for those looking for a

 Dragoon- A heavily oiled leather which will not take a shine. Primarily used for boots that will see heavy use outdoors. Cream and polish is not recommended. Dehcord- A synthetic leather manufactured by Majilite. Easily shineable with

 ME Leather- Because this is a "rough side out" leather, cream and polish are not recommended. A hard bristled suede brush is the best way to care for this type of

bit more durability. A silky finish allows the boot to shine up well.



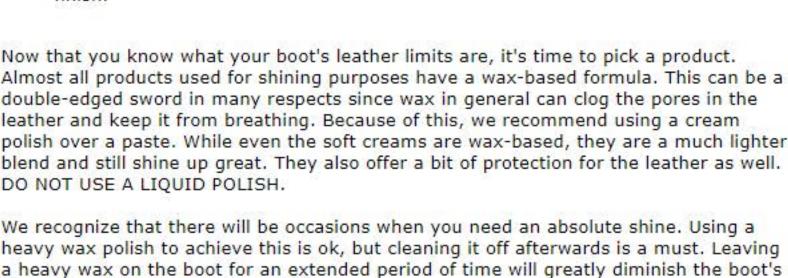
Now that you know what your boot's leather limits are, it's time to pick a product. Almost all products used for shining purposes have a wax-based formula. This can be a double-edged sword in many respects since wax in general can clog the pores in the leather and keep it from breathing. Because of this, we recommend using a cream polish over a paste. While even the soft creams are wax-based, they are a much lighter

prolong its life. Because the boots still use calfskin in the vamps, a damp cloth wetted with regular tap water should always be your first choice. If a higher shine is needed, @KIWI Express Shine polish (or similar product) may be used on the DEHCORD SECTION ONLY. Take care not to spray the lower section of the boot. Creams and polishes may be used on the vamp as described earlier in this article.

Should the Dehcord become deeply scratched to the point where you can see the backing, the best advice is to take a pure black permanent marker and cover the

slide on them, kick things with them, and climb in them. Everything we do puts stress on the leather and the stitching. Taking proper care of your boots help them resist this

stress but at some point a minor or even major adjustment may be needed.



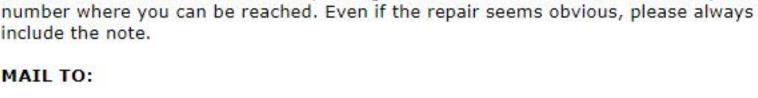
Repairs & Adjustments Of all the clothing we wear, boots and shoes take the most abuse. We walk on them,

affected area.

 Leather changes over time. Boots do not last forever and eventually even the finest leathers become too brittle or dry to restitch or stretch. For this reason we do not accept repair

eligible for repairs. Always clean and condition your boots regularly, and tree them whenever possible. Repairs or add-ons typically take anywhere from 2-6 weeks to complete depending on the complexity of the request. Because many of our leatherworkers have been crafting Dehner boots for over 20

Once you have decided to send your boot in for an adjustment, please send it to our Omaha office with a note inside explaining what needs to be done as well as a phone



OMAHA, NE 68105 If you require additional assistance please contact us at 402/342-7788 between the hours of 8am and 4pm Central time, Monday through Friday. You can also use our contact page and send us an e-mail.

The Dehner Company does offer a repair and adjustment service located at the factory in Omaha, Nebraska. Although prices may vary depending on the age of the boot, a general listing (with base prices) can be found on our website here. Please keep the following in mind when returning a boot (or boots) to us for inspection.

or adjustment requests on boots over 20 years old. A local cobbler may be willing to give it a shot, but always inform them about the age of the boot. · You are responsible for any shipping charges accrued when sending your boots to our factory for repairs or add-ons.

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years, there is a good possibility that your boot will be adjusted by the same person who created it.

· A boot that has not been cared for properly may not be



