

Leather variations on the same side

Dense smooth FS typical of butt area



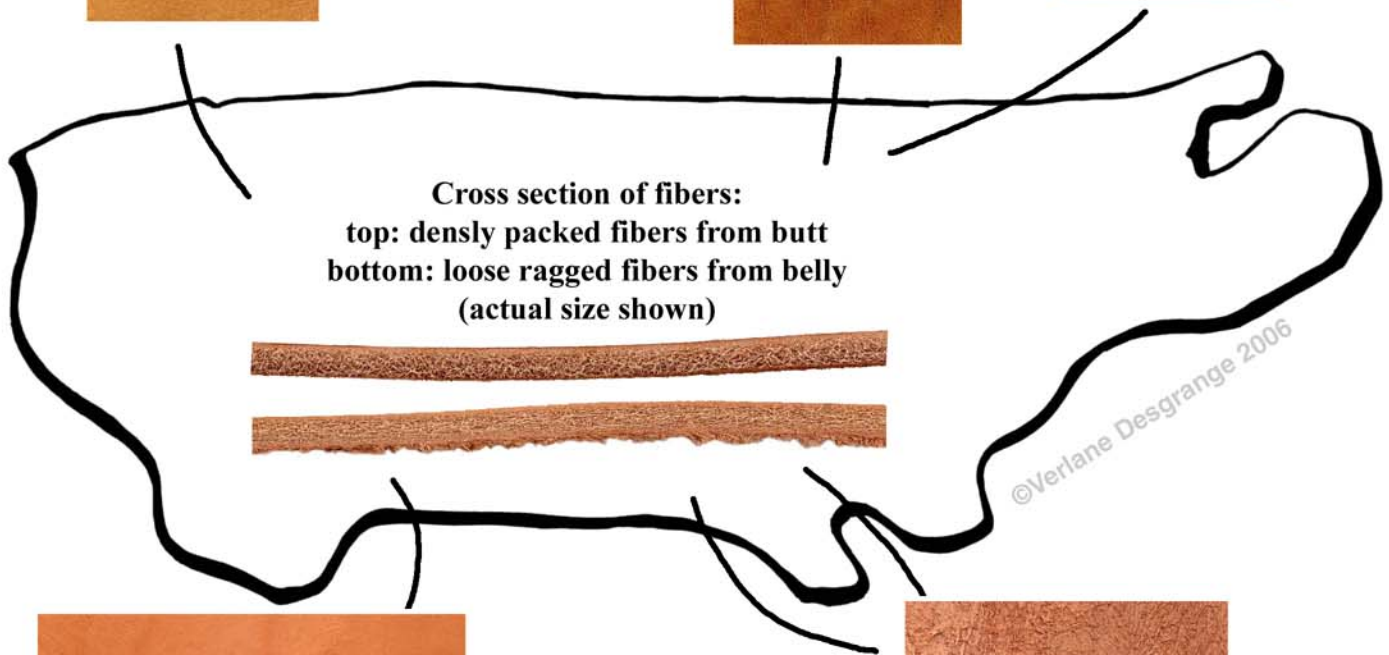
Fat wrinkles usually found on GS of shoulder



Slightly fuzzy FS on shoulder area



Photos of grain characteristics shown 50% of original size



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Loose fibers and many wrinkles on flank area

GS=Grain Side: the side from which the hair originally grew

FS=Flesh Side: the underside next to muscle tissue



Loose wrinkled fibers on FS of belly and flank areas

Generally a side of leather will have several variations of grain structure. It is up to the saddlemaker to choose the best cut for the most strength.

Saddlery leather from cowhide

Cross sections of various tannages

(shown actual size)



Vegetable (also called bark or veg)



Chrome (note bluish color)



Alum (white)



Alum (yellow)
(commonly called Indian tan)

Saddlery leathers below shown 70% of actual size

Veg tanned



Skirting
(Western saddles)

Veg tanned



Strap
(Western bridles and tack)

Veg tanned



Russet harness
(Western tack and harness)

Veg tanned



English bridle
English saddles and tack

Veg tanned



Pig embossed flap hide
English saddles

Chrome tanned



Shrunken grain
Padded inserts on
English saddles

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