

# BOOT CARE

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Despite developments in technology, much of today's footwear still depends upon the traditional performance, durability and fit of leather. As a natural material, leather does require some care and looking after.



We recommend that you follow these guidelines to get the most out of your boots.

After use always rinse off mud and dirt with plain water. Remove any stubborn dirt with a sponge, damp cloth or brush.

Dry your boots naturally over time in a cool, dry place with good air circulation (Never force dry your boots using heat, as this will damage the leather uppers)

Regularly treat them with a suitable waterproofing treatment applicable to the type of boots you have.

Take care to apply treatments to tongues, D. rings and hooks. Do not over treat them as this can soften the leather and damage stitching.

## **CALF LEATHERS - example - Ranger**

High quality leather of 2,4/2,6 mm in thickness, they are ideal for fell or lightweight hillwalking boots, which require less breaking-in.

Use a proofing agent from new, for best results we recommend SCARPA HS12 cream or a water based wax treatment such as Aqueous Nikwax, alternatively Nikwax or G-Wax.

## **SHERPA LEATHERS- example - SL**

A 2,7 mm - 2,9 mm tanned leather. The extra thickness and durability of this leather is perfectly suited to stronger hill and mountain walking boots, where extra support and resistance to scuffing and stops the leather from wetting out so easily. We recommend the use of SCARPA HS12 cream or Aqueous Nikwax from new. This will not soak into the leathers immediately due to the high silicone content retained on the surface of the leather during the HS12 tanning process. It will however begin to soak in over time as boots become scuffed with use.

## **NUBUCK LEATHER - example - Kinesis Tech**

Nubuck is a full grain leather where the outer surface of the leather has a finely sanded, texturised finish, which gives the boot an added appeal. All Scarpa Nubuck leathers are HS12 treated and will give the same performance as Sherpa leather, although the surface finish will change over time. Nubuck is a full quality leather and should not be confused with suede. Use SCARPA HS12 for best protection or Nikwax Nubuck treatment from new. Using this treatment will tend to flatten the texturised finish of Nubuck leather. This finish can be restored using a suede brush.

## **CROSTA (Roughout Leather) - example - Manta**

A premier 3mm suede used on Mountain Boots, this leather gives support and great abrasion resistance and is treated with an additional HS treatment for enhanced water shedding.

## **CORDURA/SUEDE - example - Baltoro & Cyclone**

These boots are made from more supple and thinner materials than full grain leather. Generally, they will not offer the waterproof performance, resistance or durability of a quality leather. They do require regular care and we recommend use of Nikwax Fabric & Leather or Graingers G-Sport.