CTL LEATHER

A Garrett Leather Company

REMOVING FOLD MARKS IN CORRECTED GRAIN LEATHERS

Sometimes, leather that goes unattended (especially when resting poorly packaged or sitting crumpled) can develop wrinkles. If this

comes as a surprise, just look around at the people around you—our skin also develops wrinkles over time! Leather is no different.

Please see below for basic instructions regarding the removal of , please always test a piece first to ensure no issues with your iron etc.

- Iron the back of the hide 1st with Steam 'wet' this will allow the pores to open.

- Use Dry heat right after, the dry heat will dry the leather after the fact.

- Note on STEAM, it is OK to use, but DRY the leather when finished if becomes moist.

- Always use fabric in between leather back and the Iron (NEVER iron direct on leather) we use cotton linings for this (not towels etc.) white/ black best.

- We use second highest setting (however some Irons may differ in strength) - hence please watch this during your Ironing & Adjust accordingly.

- Repeat this process on the FRONT for extreme wrinkles.

- At CTL, in our production we typically undertake this procedure on cut leather pieces as it allows for easier handling.
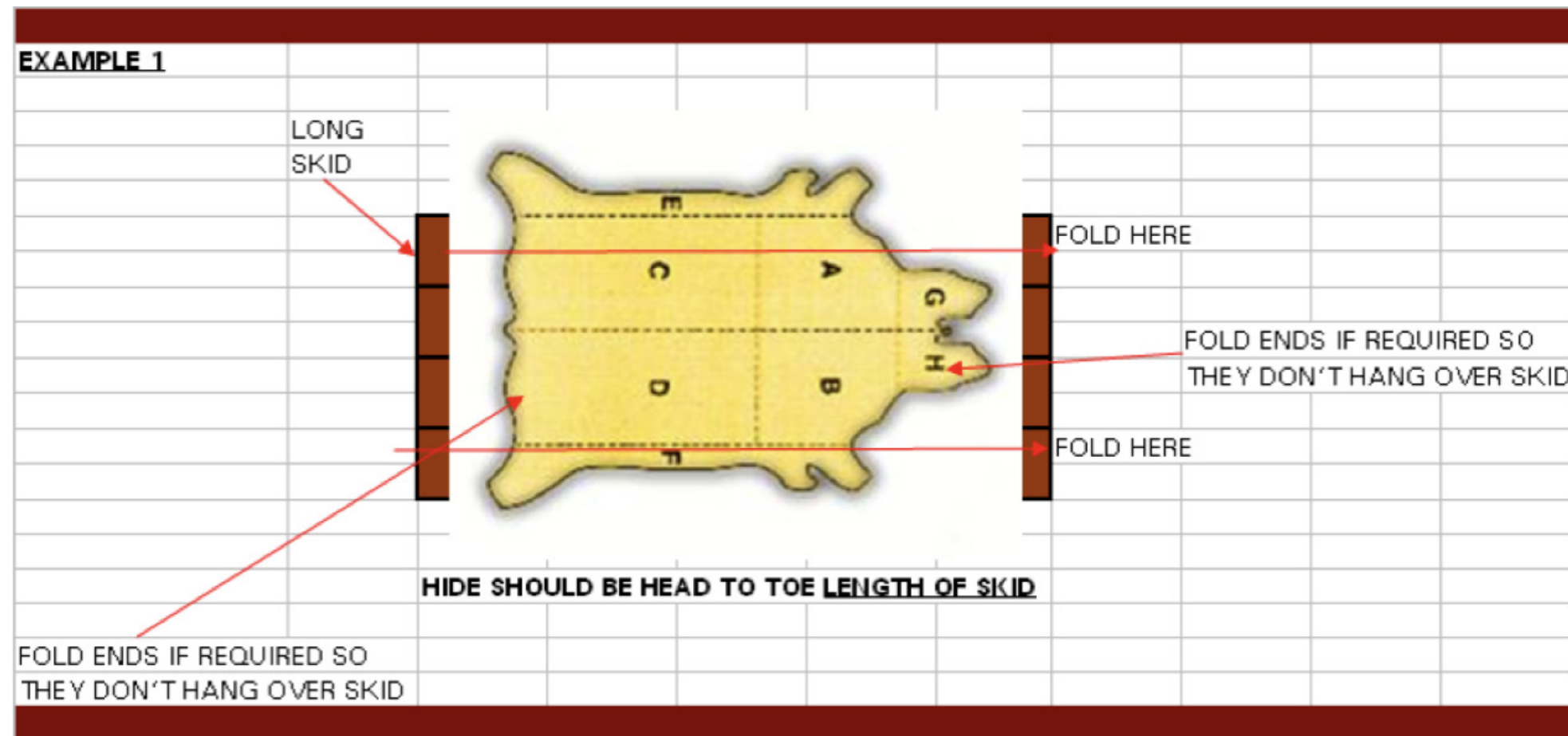
PLACEMENT OF HIDE ON SKID OR IN BOX

Please note this are basic instructions only; as some leather may vary - we cannot be responsible for any damage incurred due to improper heat or applied techniques.

Please see Video of how to Iron Out Fold Marks in leathers process.

EXAMPLE 1

LONG SKID

FOLD HERE

FOLD ENDS IF REQUIRED SO THEY DON'T HANG OVER SKID

FOLD HERE

FOLD ENDS IF REQUIRED SO THEY DON'T HANG OVER SKID

HIDE SHOULD BE HEAD TO TOE LENGTH OF SKID

REMOVING WRINKLES & CREASES IN WAX PULL-UP LEATHERS

Please see below for basic instructions, please always test a piece first to ensure no issues occur based on the type of leather you are undertaking this process on etc.

- Lay the hide out on a flat surface
- Use a heat gun on the lowest seating
- Gentle wave the heat gun over the affected area and rub the leather's surface gently with a cloth glove
- Do not get too close to the leather as it is possible you will cause the pores to shrink if the heat gun is too hot.
- We use the lowest setting (however some heat guns may differ in strength)
- At CTL, in our production we typically undertake this procedure on cut leather pieces as it allows for easier handling.
- If the hide is to be re-rolled on a core, we suggest it is rolled concentrically with the wax side exposed which will help further stretch out the leather.

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Video #1 Wrinkle removal using Heat Gun

Video #2 Crease removal using Heat Gun

PREVENTING PONDING & WRINKLES ON LEATHER SEATS

Most furniture will puddle in the seats with use, but it's what's in the core (the "guts") that will dictate how much puddle you get.

Regular (low density) foam rubber and down feathers will puddle the most.

To prevent Ponding, high density foam is better, though the best cushion core options are called a spring loft or spring fiber. These cushions not only have foam, but they also have springs in the seat core itself. These work very much like a mattress would. Once you get up, they will spring back to retain the original shape, not allowing a puddle to be created.

Some folks call Ponding comfort wrinkles and yes, they will develop over time if you buy a softer seat core or cushion and a really soft leather.
A good informed upholsterer or manufacturer can help you with the right seat cushion for you if you mention your concern. You can always expect this to happen when the seat core is too soft or when down is used, even with fabrics. Not all leather furniture will show Ponding. It's all in the seat cushion core and the leather you select.

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What To Do if Ponding Occurs :

Responses to Ponding vary depending on the style of furniture and interior setting. To some, wrinkles in the seat and back cushions are natural occurrences that are accepted and even embraced for the relaxed, worn comfort that the leather exhibits. The Ponding is simply left alone. To others, a smooth, refined look is important and Ponding is seen as a negative. The best way to handle Ponding when it occurs is to remove the cushions and "fluff" them, similar to fluffing a pillow. This action returns airflow to the cushion and helps the leather to retain its original shape. It is also best to flip the cushions periodically to mitigate the wear pattern. If the cushions are not removable, the best approach may be to contact an upholsterer to resew the leather more tightly around the frame.

How to Prevent Wrinkles on Leather Seats (AKA Ponding):

If Ponding is a concern, it is always best to speak with your designer or upholsterer ahead of time, before the furniture is made. The best way to prevent Ponding is to use a firm, sturdy foam with springs in a design that pulls the leather taught over the filling in order to provide sufficient support. The amount of Ponding that occurs is mostly determined by the manner in which the furniture is upholstered and not by the type of leather that is used.

REMOVING SCRATCH MARKS IN WAXES & OIL PULL-UP LEATHERS LEATHERS

Please see below for basic instructions, please always test a piece first to ensure no issues occur based on the type of leather you are undertaking this process on etc.

- Apply a small amount of the product to the affected area
- Gently rub the product into the affected area
- Deeper scratches may require more work and/or some other revitalizing.

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Video #1 Removing Scratches in Oil Pull-Up Leathers (Caress) using Oleosa product

Video #2 Scratches in Wax Pull-Up Leathers (Dallas) using Oleosa (L) and Wax-On (R) products

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Dallas (before)

Dallas (after)

Oleosa (L)   Wax-On (R)