



Snake Tanning Agent

A balanced, self-fixing tan for snakeskins that does not require pickling. This is step 1 of a 2-step process.

It will produce a *true tanned leather*. **Snake Tanning Agent** is based on a saturated solution which is preadjusted for proper pH.

Directions:

To avoid eye and skin irritation, splash proof goggles and rubber gloves should be worn. For best results, the tanning process should be done at room temperature, 65°F or above.

Proper Care:

The snake should be frozen or skinned and salted within 30 minutes of expiration. This will prevent the growth of bacteria. A well taken care of skin will produce the best results.

Rehydration Bath:

If the skins were previously frozen or salt dried, thaw/relax them in fresh room temperature water for 1-2 hours prior to placing in the salt bath.

Soaking in a salt bath will draw out the non-tannable proteins to increase the efficiency of the tan. In a plastic, rubber or glass container mix a bath of 1 heaping tablespoon of table salt, ½ teaspoon of household bleach to each 16 oz of HOT tap water. Mix just enough solution to completely cover the skin(s) allowing them to move freely. Stir to dissolve the salt and cool.

Soak the snakeskin(s) in the cooled bath for 3-4 hours, then remove and rinse in fresh water.

Tanning Bath:

Discard the rehydration bath and in the same container add the recommend amount of **Snake Tanning Agent** from the chart below to enough HOT water to cover the skin(s). Stir to dissolve the tan and cool to room temperature.

Snakeskin Length in Inches	Amount of Snake Tan
Up to 36"	3 Tablespoons
37-60"	6 Tablespoons or 1/3 cup
61-84"	8 Tablespoons or ½ cup
84-108"	13 Tablespoons or ¾ cup
109-132"	16 Tablespoons or 1 cup
133-144 (up to 12 feet)	22 Tablespoons or 1 1/3 cups

This full jar 1.5 lbs, will tan up to 3, 12-foot snakeskins or multiple smaller skins.

Soak in the cooled tan bath 16-18 hours, stirring occasionally. Larger snakeskins will require an additional 6-8 hours. Remove and drain until damp – do not rinse. The skin is now ready to be oiled with **Snake Oil**, see directions for this product.

First Aid: Do not get in eyes, on skin or on clothing. Causes eye damage and may irritate skin causing dryness. *If in Eyes:* Rinse with water for 15 minutes. Do not apply neutralizing agents. Take victim to an ophthalmologist. *If on Skin:* Wash skin with soap and water. If skin or eye irritation persists, get medical attention. Store product closed in original container in a cool, dry area.

Keep out of the reach of children.

Disclaimer: Being that snakeskins are natural materials, susceptible to varying degrees of putrefaction, natural defects, disease, mishandling, experience of the user, and used under conditions beyond our control, as seller, we make no guarantee or warranty expressed or implied as to the use of this product. All information contained here is accurate to the best of our knowledge and good faith and is based upon thorough testing.

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