

**B**ecause our floorcoverings are woven from Natural Fibers, they have normal irregularities that are considered part of their charm. What you won't find anywhere, is a perfect natural fiber floorcovering. Keeping this in mind, please be aware that Leather Borders, including Suede will also have unique natural characteristics. Below are some common natural markings found in leather and suede.

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**1. GRAINING:** The grain is unique to each individual hide, similar to human finger prints. The grain can vary from hide to hide, and even within a hide.



**2. BRANDING MARKS:** Brand marks are used as identification marks and are part of every hide.



**3. FAT WRINKLES:** Fat Wrinkles occur naturally in the loose skin around the neck and belly of all cows. The skin must be loose to allow the needed flexibility for grazing and overall growth.



**4. HEALED SCARS AND INSECT BITES:** Scratch marks are the result of the cow's unsheltered life and evidence that the hide is indeed top grain. Healed scars include insect bites and barbed wire marks.



**5. STRETCH MARKS:** Stretch Marks become a permanent marking and result from giving birth.



**6. BACKBONE:** Natural furrows appear along the backbone of all hides due to the animal's physiology.

