

NATURAL MATERIALS

leather

Everything about our products - from style to materials to the craftspeople who make them - is distinctly and truly African. Due to the nature of the production methods and the use of natural materials, there may be slight variations in the leather piece you receive. We believe these natural variations enhance the authenticity of each item. Full Grain leather retains all of the original texture and markings on the original hide. Please keep in mind that our pieces handcrafted in leather will have unique, natural characteristics. Below are some common natural markings found in leather and suede. These markings are not defects but rather proof that a natural material was used.



Graining

The grain is unique to each hide, similar to human finger prints. The grain can vary from hide to hide, even within a hide.



Fat Wrinkles

Naturally occurring loose skin around the neck and belly results in wrinkles that can be exaggerated once the leather is dyed.



Stretch Marks

More common in female hides and skins, with the obvious factor of childbirth, as well as the differing amounts of fats present in the skin.



Brand Marks

Brand marks are used as identification marks and will appear on every hide.



Scars & Insect Bites

Scratch marks, healed scars, insect bites are the result of the animal's unsheltered life and evidence that the hide is top grain.



Neck Grain

Due to the animal's physiology and eating habits, natural creases and marks are abundant in the neck area. On finished leather, these grains will appear as textured lines.