

PARTS OF THE HIDE



Leather is usually sold by the square foot and is measured by special machines at the tanneries. The number of square feet is usually marked on the underside of the hide with a marker, chalk or machine stamp.

LEATHER WEIGHT/THICKNESS GUIDE

Ounces	Irons	Inches	Millimeters	
1oz	0.75	1/64	0.4mm	} Moldings, Linings, Embossing
2oz	1.50	1/32	0.8mm	
3oz	2.25	3/64	1.2mm	} Embossing, Billfold Backs, Clutches, Masks
4oz	3.00	1/16	1.6mm	
5oz	3.75	5/64	2.0mm	} Small Cases, Notebook Covers
6oz	4.50	3/32	2.4mm	
7oz	5.25	7/64	2.8mm	} Carved Handbags, Camera Cases, Journal Covers
8oz	6.00	1/8	3.2mm	
9oz	6.75	9/64	3.6mm	} Narrow Belts, Knife Sheaths, Small Holsters
10oz	7.50	5/32	4.0mm	
11oz	8.25	11/64	4.4mm	} Belts, Holsters, Saddle Bags
12oz	9.00	3/16	4.8mm	
13oz	9.75	13/64	5.2mm	} Heavier Holsters, Belts Over 1.5" Wide
14oz	10.50	7/32	5.6mm	
15oz	11.25	15/64	6.0mm	
16oz	12.00	1/4	6.4mm	