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CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF LE CHAMEAU RIDING BOOTS

TREES We recommend that boot trees are used to preserve the life of your boots. A pair of wooden trees from an old pair of leather boots will suffice provided they are the correct size. Plastic Equitrees are adequate and inexpensive. However the best results will be achieved with our full length adjustable boot trees. Please refer to our Accessories Price List for further details.

CLEANING

We enclose a container of cleaning spray and foam pad with your new pair of boots with our compliments.

- ◆ To shine your boots, first wash them using clean water and a sponge. Then dry the surface with a cloth or sponge or leave them to dry at room temperature in an airy place. (**NEVER** attempt to dry your boots by placing them close to a direct heat source as this could damage them).
- ◆ Once dry, spray our cleaning spray onto the natural rubber outer of your boots and spread over the rubber evenly using the foam pad provided. Do not buff off. Repeat as necessary. For a deeper and more lasting shine, apply a final coat of cleaning spray liberally without buffing it off and leave the boots to stand overnight.
- ◆ After each use, wash your boots with clean water, allow them to dry and then apply cleaning spray in the manner outlined above.
- ◆ It is particularly important to wash your boots clean of horse's sweat or grease from the saddle which can accumulate on the inside of the calf. Normally water and a sponge will suffice, but occasionally a mild detergent such as washing up liquid may be used to remove stubborn mud, sweat or grease.
- ◆ After 5 or 6 applications of our cleaning spray you should find that your boots begin to shine like well boned leather. The spray will help to feed and preserve the natural rubber outer of your boots. Regular washing and application of the spray will prolong the life of your boots, enhance their appearance and make them easy to clean.
- ◆ Please contact us if you require further supplies of cleaning spray and are unable to obtain them locally. Do not use any other products to wash or shine your boots, particularly oil based products as they can damage natural rubber. Only use Le Chameau cleaning spray or Armorall Protectant.

LEATHER TOPS All mud, sweat and grease should be removed from the Tops with a clean damp cloth. Once dry leather Tops should be polished with a good quality boot polish in your preferred colour. Patent leather tops should be polished with a specialist patent leather cleaner.

LINING If the lining of your boots becomes wet, stuff with crumpled newspaper to absorb the moisture and leave to dry overnight. Apply talcum powder to the leather lining. Do not put trees into your boots until they are dry on the inside.

SPURS When wearing spurs with Le Chameau riding boots, adjust the spur strap to ensure there is sufficient length in the part which passes under the sole of the boot so that the spur sits correctly on the spur stop i.e. horizontally. If there is insufficient length in that part of the spur strap passing under the sole, your spurs will point downwards and will look incorrect.