

# Saddle Cleaning 101 |

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## WHAT WE USE



### Farnam Leather New

Self-polishing leather cleaner, which means you won't have to scrub to get the dirt out.



### Lexol Neatsfoot Formula

Used for oiling your saddle. We like this formula of Neatsfoot because it doesn't darken light leather like ordinary Neatsfoot.



### Brushes

You will need a small and med. size brush. A toothbrush works well. For suede or roughout, use a stiff-headed brush (pictured).



### Silver Spray

If you have silver, you will need Hagerty Silversmith's silver polish and a cotton rag.

## STEP 1: START CLEANING



**1** Begin cleaning your saddle, small sections at a time with your Leather New self polishing cleaner. We like to clean in the following order:

- ★ Jockey
- ★ Under the Cantle
- ★ Top Skirt
- ★ Bottom Skirt

**2** Remove the stirrup from the fender and clean all leather straps with a spare cleaning rag and leather cleaner.

**3** Give the stirrup a good cleaning just to keep it nice looking.

You will want to spray enough cleaner on the leather to make a nice lather when using your medium headed brush. If your leather is really dirty you may need to do this a couple times in the same spot.

Keep doing this until the foam is fairly white in color. That means you have most of the dirt out of the grooves and it's time to move on to another spot. Keep doing this until the entire saddle has been cleaned.

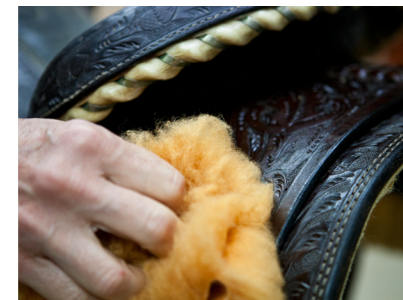
## STEP 2: POLISH SILVER



**1** Now it's time to do the silver. It's a good idea to spray the silver cleaner on the rag and then wipe the rag over the silver. This prevents overspray that could discolor the leather.

Any silver spray should work, but we recommend Hagerly Silversmith's spray polish. It's the best product we've found to get silver polished quickly.

## STEP 3: OIL THE LEATHER



**1** Spray the oil onto the leather that has bigger areas to oil and work it into the leather with the fleece rag. For the smaller areas, spray the oil onto the rag or toothbrush and then work it into the leather until you've covered the entire saddle.

***DO NOT*** oil suede or roughout leather. ***This will discolor.***

## SUEDE AND ROUGHOUT SADDLES

For suede or roughout leather, using a stiff brush, gently brush the dirt from the suede or roughout leather. Don't rub too long in one spot, or you'll rub off the suede or roughout leather, leaving a bare spot.

If you have a really tough spot, you could try rubbing dry cornstarch on it and then brushing the cornstarch away. Use it sparingly or you'll have to work to get rid of the cornstarch.