



## Saddle Maintenance



Whether your saddle is rough out or smooth out leather it needs to be treated with an initial oiling and regular maintenance will keep the leather supple and resistant.

We recommend an application of oil (we use Neatsfoot Oil) **before the first use and again in the first week of use**. Apply liquid oil liberally with a clean brush so it can soak into the leather, after each application the leather will become softer and more pliable - assisting in shaping the saddle and taking the squeak out.

Use glycerine saddle soap or a leather conditioner every couple of weeks to keep the leather clean and oil when necessary to keep the leather hydrated – ie. when the leather is stressed by either an extreme work load or extremes in temperature and weather. Oil the fenders on both sides to help protect them from sweat.

If the saddle is particularly soiled, scrub the leather with a soapy scrubbing brush and remove the built up dirt and sweat and then hose with clean water, **allow the saddle to fully dry** then apply fresh oil. Wool lining can also be washed and rinsed.

If you have any problems with your saddle – or need any advice on fitting or care of the saddle – please do not hesitate to contact us.