



5 STRONG REASONS FOR SAFETY BOOTS MADE OF LEATHER UPPER

Leather is the traditional material for hiking boots or mountain boots. For generations, fans of the great outdoors have roamed through forests or climbed mountains in leather boots. Even today, lots of people swear by footwear made of natural leather when they set off on expeditions.

However, nowadays, there's a much wider choice available. On the one hand, trekking & safety boots made of 100% leather are still around. On the other hand, the upper is increasingly a combination of leather & synthetic fabric. Or even of synthetic leather (Lorica). This mix is primarily encountered in more lightweight outdoor boots for occasional & moderate use. Footwear manufacturers tend to pick the material for the upper to match how the footwear is intended to be used.



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1 🌟 LEATHER IS STURDY & HARD WEARING

The more challenging the terrain, the greater the stability a boot needs to give the foot. It protects us from twisted ankles & other injuries. A sturdy boot also gives exceptionally good support & the confidence to manage very challenging routes.

This is why thicker leather on the stiffer side is applied for the uppers on very sturdy leather trekking/ Safety & mountain boots. At the same time, the leather makes the boots very hard-wearing. Thicker leather can withstand rocks, sand or moisture. However, it's important to look after leather properly. In other words, if you're seeking an outstandingly sturdy and tough boot, leather is the number one choice.

2 🌟 LEATHER LASTS A LONG TIME

In contrast to lots of other materials, the leather shows few signs of wear & tear & doesn't wear through or lose its shape. This makes it highly durable. The only thing that seriously damages leather is when it becomes brittle. Small cracks mean it loses stability & can no longer repel water so easily. However, it's simple to prevent this drop in quality by drying the footwear properly & polishing the leather regularly.

Doesn't leather footwear ever wear out? Just like all footwear, the sole is one which is likely to wear out first. In other words, if you want to enjoy your outdoor boots for years and years, it's worth investing in leather.



Leather is very supple & therefore adapts well to the shape of any foot.

3 🌟 LEATHER OFFERS THE BEST FIT

The lasts are responsible for a boot's fit. The last is the name for the plastic model of a foot, around which the boot is fashioned. They come in different sizes and for different shapes of feet. So the lasts turn a boot's upper into the required shape. The leather keeps its shape, whatever the number of expeditions or age of the footwear.

4 🌟 LEATHER BOOTS HIGHLY COMFORTABLE TO WEAR

In addition to the fit, the airflow and breathability of a boot also have an impact on comfort. Our feet sweat during hikes, causing moisture to build up in the boot. Moisture & hot feet don't just feel unpleasant. They're also the reason why painful blisters form. Therefore, it's vital to wick away moisture as thoroughly & quickly as possible from the inside of the boot. And this is where a leather lining is superior to a waterproof membrane. Because leather is even more breathable. Above all, if you tend to sweat a lot, you'll like the way your foot feels in a hiking boot with a leather lining. And it prevents blisters.

5 🌟 LEATHER IS SUSTAINABLE

Shoe leather is a by-product of the meat industry. In fact, more cattle hides are produced worldwide than the leather industry can use. Therefore, no farm animal is slaughtered for its hide. Instead, the tanneries upcycle the animal skins they already have and turn them into high-quality leather.

At JCB, we manufacture our own leather. In addition, to maintain quality, we take environmental friendliness very seriously. Consequently, any chemicals required for tanning comply with very stringent directives. Its exceptional durability is a factor in leather's sustainability. When cared for well, leather footwear will last years and years. As a result, it saves on resources & emissions incurred during leather & footwear production and when the products are shipped & sold. Upcycling a natural product & its long lifecycle are strong arguments for the sustainability of leather footwear.