

Saddleback Stain Solutions: Mud on your Leather

Saddleback Leather Finishes Quick Clean Score for Muddy Le

Chestnut- 9, Tobacco- 6, Cobalt Black- 10, Dark Coffee-

Key Takeaway: Mud stained or splashed le

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Introduction:

I know many of you Saddleback owners take you bags around the world in all kinds of weather. If you use your bag outdoors it is likely that the bag will get mud on it.

While it's pretty easy to remove mud, there are a few variables to consider. Which leather

finish do you have (Tobacco will be cleaned differently than Carbon Black)? Is the mud wet or caked on dry? Is it brown mud or red-clay mud?

This article will give you the best way to clean mud from your specific Saddleback bag. So read these tips for help:

(You may be thinking who is this guy and why should I listen to his leathercare advice. So at the end of the article I'll give you my creds and tell why I am helping the folks at Saddleback)

Tips on caring for your muddy Saddleback leather:

Don't

- Don't "Google it" for help- I have seen some crazy-bad tips floating out on the web for solving leather

problems. For example even though I saw a leathercare blog say to, at NO time should you rub a banana peel on your leather, Huh?!! Instead find someone who knows leather, specifically Saddleback Leather, and get qualified advice.

- Don't apply leather cleaner with conditioner/protector while the bag is still wet- A conditioner or even a combination cleaner/conditioner applied to wet/dirty leather may seal in the excess moisture and permanently stain the fibers darker.

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information on conditioning and protection of your Saddleback Bag.

Do

- Before the rain, treat your bag with a good conditioner or protector
- This will cause dirt and moisture to bead on the surface of your bag. But be careful, the Tobacco and Chestnut finishes may

darken when you add a conditioner. See the article above for more info.

- For wet, brown mud on all 4 finishes, use a damp cloth- If the area is still muddy and wet, first try a damp cloth. Scrape or pull off excess mud, then wipe the entire

affected panel from seam to seam. Finally, buff the area with a dry cloth.

- For red/ clay-like mud, especially on the Tobacco finish, use a good leather cleaner before the mud dries- The red in the clay-like mud can stain the fibers of the leather red,

leaving a permanent tint. So try to remove these stains quickly. Using a good leather cleaner, apply it from seam to seam over the entire panel at a time. Then dry out the moisture by waving a hairdryer over the cleaned surface.

- For dried mud, use a

nylon brush to remove the dirt- If the mud has dried, don't re-wet the area at first. Just brush off the dried mud and then you may clean over the affected panel with a damp cloth or good leather cleaner.

- Use will soften your bag if it stiffens after the

rain - Most leather is softened by milling. Milling is just moving the leather around to loosen the fibers. So just use it and it will soften back up for you. Click here for an article more specifically about [getting caught in the rain with your bag](#).

Finally:

Mud on your bag is not a fatal problem. But once it has been muddied, you should clean it off correctly. If you follow these tips it will clean up like new.

Of course,if you don't have a bag yet to get muddy... [click here to go to the Saddleback site and get one, they're incredible.](#)

Related articles:

["The unique finishes of Saddleback Leather"](#)
[teaches specific tips](#)

on caring for each of
the 4 Saddleback
finishes.

And as
promised, Why

listen to me?



My dad says my first word was leather... but since

that can't be confirmed I'll just say I have 25 years in the leather biz. I'm now the 2nd generation owner of a leather cleaning, repair

and refinishing
company in the
Baltimore/Washing
ton DC area. I've
seen every
problem
imaginable to
leather and am
glad to share my

experience to help
you.

**Why
Saddleback?**

I'm holding the bag
at the left and
standing with
Chuck Bowen the
CEO of
Saddleback.

I love Saddleback
Leather Bags
(Including my Light
Tobacco Classic
Briefcase). I love
their core values. I
love their affiliate
program. So I
help you choose

and care well for
your Saddleback
stuff, Saddleback
sells more bags
and helps more
people, and I
make a few
affiliate bucks
when you click

through my links...
everybody wins.

**How to contact
me with
questions or
suggestions.**

If you have a
Saddleback
leather question I
haven't covered
yet, please shoot
it to me. Or if you
think I'm wrong or

want to add to my suggestions, please do. I can be reached though twitter by @leatherhelpguy or e-mail me at leatherhelpguy@gmail.com

Thanks.

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