

## **Saddleback Stain Solutions: Moldy Leather**

Saddleback Leather Finishes Quick Clean Score for Moldy Leather

Chestnut- 8, Tobacco- 7, Cobalt Black- 7, Dark Coffee- 7

**Key Takeaway:** If your leather remains in a damp, dark place

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[Don't have a Saddleback bag yet?&nbsp;They're beautiful.&nbsp;Check em out at Saddleback's site by clicking here.](#)

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## Introduction:

If your Saddleback bag were to get wet, stay wet and be stored in a dark place, it may develop a musty odor and greenish, white powdery stains. This would be mold. It doesn't happen too quickly but if it does you want it solved ASAP.

In this article I want to first, help you prevent mold growth to your bag, by telling you the best way to store your leather bag.

If you do start to get a moldy stain in or on your bag, we can get it out and prevent it from re-occurring. Here are some tips on how:

(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 preventing and fixing mold on your 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. Aka at NO time should your rub a

banana peel on your leather,  
Huh!! Instead find someone  
who knows leather, specifically  
Saddleback Leather, and get  
qualified advice.

- Don't put your bag away in  
the closet if it is wet- A  
dark, cool closet is the surest  
place to cause mold growth. If  
you got stuck in the rain and  
your bag got wet, be sure to dry

it out before putting it away for the night.

[Click here for more information on how to deal with rain-soaked leather.](#)

- Don't use Febreze, Lysol or another disinfectant on your Saddleback leather-

These products may kill the mold but can also cause harm to the leather.

## Do

- Store your Saddleback Leather bag carefully especially when you won't be using it for a while- Here are a few storage tips to prevent mold on your leather bag:

1. Hang your bag when you store it, don't let it sit on the



ground.

2. Be sure to check for moisture before you store it. Dry out the moisture by carefully waving a hairdryer over the area.

3. Try to store the bag in a moisture/ heat controlled area. Neither the attic nor the basement are good places to store your Saddleback Bag.

4. Cover your leather with breathable cloth, like cotton sheets, when storing. Plastic

bags or coverings will cause excessive drying.



- If you do suspect mold, the leather must be cleaned thoroughly with a ph-balanced, anti-microbial leather cleaner-

An anti-microbial, leather specific cleaner will remove the mold and prevent further mold. You can check the label of your leather cleaner, but I know that SG-5 from [www.advleather.com](http://www.advleather.com) is a ph-balanced anti-microbial leather cleaner.

- Clean every surface, crack and crevass thorououghly-  
Apply the cleaner to a soft cloth and buff all surfaces with the

cleaner. Then use a Q-tip or pipecleaner to clean in the cracks, at seams and inside the pockets. Don't miss any area.

- Each Saddleback finish  
needs special care- The  
dark finishes,  
**Coffee Brown**  
and  
**Carbon Black**  
, will show the light mold stains  
more prominently. Clean them  
thoroughly.

# The Tobacco and Chestnut

finishes may darken a bit when cleaned, so buff briskly, don't soak the cleaning rag and dry the clean, moist leather off with a dry cloth or hairdryer.

- Double-check your work-

The day after you clean mold off your bag, check it over again carefully. A second

cleaning with the anti-microbial cleaner would not be a bad idea either just to be safe.

**Finally:**

So I hope you don't ever have to deal with mold on your Saddleback bag.

Store it correctly and you won't. But if you do, this information will help you get it back in beautiful

shape. Again if you don't have a bag yet... [click here or on the bag above to go to the Saddleback site and get one, they're awesome.](#)

## Related articles:

&quot;The unique finishes of Saddleback Leather&quot; 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/Washingto

n DC area. I've seen every problem imaginable to leather and am glad to share my experience to help you.

## **Why Saddleback?**

That's me at the left  
holding my  
Saddleback bag  
standing with  
Saddleback CEO,  
Chuck Bowen. 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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