

Hanwag Boot Care

Good boots are not cheap. However, with the right care and maintenance, they will perform at their best – for years to come...

1. Cleaning

First, remove insoles and, in case of crusty dirt, also shoe-laces.

Outer: After each use, brush off dirt. In case of persistent dirt, rinse with plenty of water. Special leather cleaners should be applied if all other cleaning treatments failed. Soap may damage leather as well as impregnation.

Lining: Leather and textile linings (e.g. used in most GORE -TEX ®-boots) are best cleaned with a sponge or a soft brush and plain fresh water. Do not use hot water.

Drying: Thoroughly dry you boots after cleaning in a well-aired, dry and shady place with tongue wide open and insoles out. When really wet, stuff leather-lined footwear with newspaper (replace paper after a few hours). GORE -TEX ®-boots dry faster without paper!

Warning:

1. **Never** keep wet or damp shoes in non-aired and humid places (e.g. plastic bag, car boot (trunk), basement etc).
2. **Never** dry boots in the sun, near a heater, oven, or over fire. Leather will be "burned", it turns dry, brittle and cracks.

2. Impregnation

Regularly apply impregnation sprays (also on brand-new footwear). Apply impregnation immediately after cleaning to the still damp leather. The impregnation achieves its full effect after 24 hours.

The more the better! Go close while spraying! Don't forget to treat shoelaces and the inaccessible corners on the tongue.

3. Leather Care

Wax: Dry leather needs moisturizing. Use special wax (no oil or fat). Massage thin coat of wax into the dry leather.

Note: With each wax application, Nubuk, suede or any other split leather will darken a bit and get a smoother surface. If you want to avoid this, use special suede leather conditioner. Wipe off excess wax.

4. Further Tips

Store your boots standing, with no pressure in a dry, dark and well-aired place. Ideally, use a shoetree. After a longer period of storage, roughen the profiled outsole a little bit, using a wire brush or fine sandpaper. Keep your shoes away from diesel, petrol, paraffin, as well as from manure. In case of contact, clean your shoes immediately.



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