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PANHEAD JACKET VARIES

The Panhead jacket will vary in color from very light to very dark. This bulletin is to explain why.

First, we should note that the Panhead jacket is made from the same top grain leather that is used in all our full-grain leather products. The difference is in the tanning process.

The Panhead jacket uses less of a fixing agent (the chemical used to bond the dye to the hide) than normal in order that the dye will rub off during the dry milling process.

The dry milling process is a process in which several hundred jackets are put into a drum with small rocks. The drum turns and the rocks hit the jacket and rub off some of the dye.

Because leather is a natural product and each skin varies in the amount of oils, fats, pores, etc., it will accept dye differently and therefore, it will lose the dye differently. It should be noted that the variation within a jacket is minimized as the same skin is used to match panels during cutting.

Hopefully, this will answer any questions you might have. Please remember that in any dry milled garment, the uniqueness is that no two are alike. This can be used as a selling feature.

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