



One Day Understanding Leather Course

09.15-09.30	Arrival and coffee
09.30-09.40	Introduction to BLC and the course
09.40-10.40	What do we make leather from and why? An introduction to the different types of raw material with particular emphasis on cow hide, sheepskin, pigskin, goat etc. in relation to use in leather products.
10.40-11.10	Common defects found on leather and what has caused them An overview of the more common defects found on leather and their relevant causes. Examples will be used to illustrate the defects. Scars, looseness, growth lines, tick marks, barbed wire, brands, strain and common processing faults will be identified.
11.10-12.00	What leather types can we make? How is the leather grade and the leather type related? Different leather types and their performance will be considered (aniline, semi-aniline, pigmented, suede, oiled.....)
12.00-12.30	Leather processing A brief overview of the leather manufacturing process
12.30-13.00	BUFFET LUNCH
13.00-14.30	Tour of Model Tannery
14.30-15.00	Specifications and due diligence The importance of product specifications will be discussed and how they form a vital part of due diligence protocols and supplier management systems
15.00-15.30	Testing of leather – how do we do it and why? A demonstration of physical tests carried out on leather will be seen in BLC's laboratory area together with the use of microscopes for problem solving.
15.30-15.50	Care and labelling, cleaning and aftercare advice.
15.50-16.30	What can go wrong and how can we help our customers? Recommended care and maintenance and an overview of common complaints, including case studies illustrating problems with cleaning, fading and colour change of leather, problems with surface finishes, inappropriate cutting of leather etc.
16.30-16.45	Round up (Question & Answer)