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## Leather for Wall Panels and Headboards

### **Why Cortina is the Choice for Wall Panels and Headboards:**

Leather has been recently gaining popularity as an architectural material, and Cortina is uniquely suited to provide leather for this purpose.

#### **Quality of the raw material**

It is key that the leather used for wall panels and headboards be produced from large, clean hides. Our Northern Italian tanneries have access to the kind of premium raw material that can bear the scrutiny required for vertical surfaces in leather.

#### **Design and budget consultation**

Our design-educated staff will work with you from the original design concept through the completion of your shop drawings to assure that your designs are translated within the parameters of available hide sizes.

Prior to your presentation, we will be happy to estimate the amount of leather required to assure that your designs are within budget. Every attempt will be made to minimize waste to keep your budget manageable.

#### **Hide Selection**

Cortina's warehouse is conveniently located with our corporate offices. Our Customer Service staff is able to personally select your hides, in accordance with the panel sizes required. Hides can be labeled to key into your drawings, so that subcontractors will use the proper hides for the panels.

For large projects with particular hide size requirements, our staff working out of the Italian tanneries will make special arrangements to select the appropriate raw material.

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### **Useful Information for Specifying Leather for Wall Panels and Headboards:**

Cortina offers a wide variety of leather qualities that are appropriate for leather wall panels, whether cut from our stock of full or half-hides, or fabricated from the loomed Interwoven Collection, available in rolls.

#### **Application**

Generally, the leather is stretched and stapled onto a panel, which is subsequently attached to the wall. Use a substrate heavy enough to withstand the tension of pulling the leather taut and having it stapled to the back.

#### **Quantity and Budgeting**

Care should be taken to allow for extra leather tolerances for wrapping of the panels or headboards.

**Utilizing hides:** Because hides are irregularly shaped, wall applications generally require between 2 to 2-1/2 x the square footage of the wall area (e.g. 100 s.f. of wall space will require 200-250 s.f. of leather). We can advise you of certain adjustments in panel size to optimize the number of panels per hide.

**Utilizing embossed leathers:** Attention should be paid to the selection of certain embossed patterns if the joinmarks are obvious, and the panel sizes are too large to avoid them, or if an embossment pattern runs in a particular direction.

**Utilizing woven leather:** Woven leathers are available in 28" wide rolls, and some patterns are available in 39" rolls. The rolls can be produced in lengths according to your specifications. Woven leathers can be railroaded.

#### **Differences in quantities of whole hides versus woven leathers:**

\*If panel widths are designed in accordance with the material (i.e. 24" wide panels for 28" wide material, or 35" wide panels for 39" wide material), overage required is only about 15-30%. Therefore, even though woven leather costs more per square foot than whole hides, the difference in cost is not as great as one would assume because the yield is better.

\*If greater widths than 39" are required, consider using our embossed collections: Intreccio (woven embossment on full-size Rustico hides) or the Campania Collection (a variety of embossment patterns with plates ranging from 39"-54" wide).