

# ALTBERG®



BOOTMAKERS

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## MILITARY BOOTS

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# LEDER-GRIS®

INCREASES WATER  
REPELLENCY, FOR  
OUTDOOR WET  
CONDITIONS

# LEDER-GLÖS®

HIGH SHINE  
FOR PARADE AND  
STATION USE



Colours  
available:  
Military Brown  
Classic Black

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

### LEDER-GRIS®

Brush in Leder-Gris when the boots are ALMOST dry  
Use the brush to drive the wax-oil INTO the leather  
ALWAYS treat with Leder-Gris before storage

### LEDER-GLÖS®

Apply with brush  
Leave for 5 minutes then brush vigorously  
Leave for 10 minutes then buff with a soft dry polishing cloth  
Repeated treatment over many days will increase the level of gloss

### APPLY WHEN BOOTS ARE ALMOST DRY AND USE BRUSH TO BUFF INTO THE LEATHER

- NEVER dry quickly
- NEVER dry near heat
- NEVER leave boots in direct sunlight
- NEVER force dry in any way
- NEVER dry near central heating
- ALWAYS dry in cool place
- ALWAYS treat with Leder-Gris® before storage

**NOTE: ALTBERG® RECOMMEND ONLY LEDER-GRIS® FOR USE ON THEIR BOOTS**

**WE DO NOT RECOMMEND DUBBINS, SADDLE SOAPS, OILS, OR ANY SHOE-TYPE POLISHES.**

# BOOTCARE



Use small putting on brush to work Leder-Gris into seams



Use small putting on brush to work Leder-Gris into stitching behind the heel tab



Use small putting on brush to work Leder-Gris into the tongue stitching and flex areas of boots



Use larger brush to buff to finish and drive Leder-Gris into the leather

- As boots dry out the leather will eventually harden and crack
- Correct and constant use of Leder-Gris® will extend the time before which flex cracking will occur

# BOOT LACING

- Push heel to back of boot and LACE FIRMLY over instep.
- NEVER lace around the leg.
- For some Soldiers a lacing gap over the instep may enhance comfort.
- Tuck in lace ends inside boot leg/tongue.
- Use tongue pocket if fitted on your boot model.



**CORRECT METHOD**

- Always fully unlace.
- Too much force when putting on or taking off boots can tear the lining or damage 'D' rings.



**TUCK AWAY LACE ENDS**

- Some of Altbergs military boots are non hook lacing for operational activities where hooks are not recommended (parachuting).
- Boot lace ends should still be tucked away.



**FULLY UNLACED**



**NON HOOK OPTION**

## SOCKS

- **Good quality Merino® wool socks will enhance all day comfort**
- **Merino® wool is a high quality natural material which will breath and absorb all day**
- **Check socks regularly to ensure they are still well padded and absorbent**

# DRYING BOOTS OUT

After using your boots in wet conditions, follow the steps below to dry boots slowly

## STEP 1



Remove footbeds, drain out excess water.

## STEP 2



Stuff with newspaper, leave for 5 minutes. Repeat until all excess water is removed.

## STEP 3



Invert the boots and leave in a cool dry place to dry as slowly as possible. Avoid heat, sunlight or central heating.

## STEP 4



Treat with Leder-Gris<sup>®</sup>. Treat boots while they are still damp.

- **NEVER DRY QUICKLY**
- **NEVER DRY NEAR HEAT**
- **NEVER LEAVE IN DIRECT SUNLIGHT**
- **NEVER FORCE DRY IN ANY WAY**

## SEALSKINZ<sup>®</sup> SOCKS

- **Once activity is ended you need to keep feet warm**
- **Remove wet stocks**
- **Replace with waterproof insulated socks (eg. Sealskinz<sup>®</sup> with Merino<sup>®</sup> wool)**
- **Put damp boots back on**

# ACCESSORIES



**SEALSKINZ® WATERPROOF  
MERINO® SOCKS**



**FALKE® MILITARY MERINO  
WOOL SOCKS**



**BOOTCARE KITS**



**SMALL PUTTING ON BRUSH**



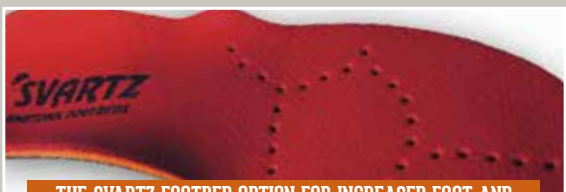
**LARGER BUFFING IN BRUSH**



**STANDARD AIR GRID FOOTBEDS FOR UK TEMPERATE USE**



**HIGH VENTILATION AIR GRID FOOTBEDS  
FOR JUNGLE AND DESERT USE**



**THE SVARTZ FOOTBED OPTION FOR INCREASED FOOT AND  
LOWER LIMB SUPPORT AND COMFORT**

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# THE SVARTZ® FOOTBED OPTION

## GO FURTHER - FEEL BETTER

### ABSORBER FOOTBED



- For tabbing and running
- Absorbs impact
- Good arch support
- Superb heel cushioning

### ANATOMIX LITE FOOTBED



- Hot weather
- Lightweight
- Good arch support

### MEMOREX MEMORY FOOTBED



- Strong arch support
- Good heel cushioning
- Memorex memory cushion underfoot
- For marching with full Bergen

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# BOOT AND FOOT HYGIENE INFORMATION

- Wash footbeds regularly
- Hand wash only with soap and water
- Luke warm water - do not exceed 35°C
- Hang on a line to dry naturally, at room temperature, or outside in the shade
- Do not force dry or expose to any heat
- Do not expose to direct sunlight during drying
- CAUTION: excess heat will shrink footbeds
- Once dry, lightly dust the footbeds with an anti-bacterial powder

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ON ALL THEIR BOOTS

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### IMPORTANT SAFETY ADVICE

Military duties (as well as sports and outdoor pursuits) present risks, and can be potentially dangerous.

You should always select the style of boot that is appropriate to your intended activity and level of use. Boot selection is yours alone, and although you may be offered advice the final choice remains entirely with the user/purchaser.

Users of our boots must be aware of the possible risks, the activities they engage in may present, and accept responsibility for any damage that may derive therefrom, including death.

Boots must be inspected each time you wear them. Check the condition of the upper, and all components, including laces, fastenings and footbeds. Replace worn components with Altberg originals (available from Altberg, the Altberg website, or from Altberg stockists).

Footwear with badly worn soles should not be worn for duty, as many accidents can be caused by slipping.

Always tuck away lace ends to avoid entanglement (see user instructions).

### GUARANTEE

Altbergs limited guarantee is to the original purchaser, and is not transferrable. It guarantees that as of the date of purchase, the boots are free from defects of manufacturing, materials or components.

A precondition of the warranty is the proper use and treatment of the boots, as well as their proper care (see instructions).

NOT included in the warranty are normal wear and tear, as well as results of improper useage, wilful or accidental damage, lack of proper care or treatment, or faulty adjustment or modification.

In the event of a justified warranty claim, we will provide the original purchaser (which may be the retailer) with our choice of a repair or a replacement, or a partial credit - depending on the age and condition of the boots.

Honouring a guarantee will not prolong the original warranty period of 12 months from purchase. **Please note - this guarantee does not cover factory seconds or sale items.**

### DRENCHED BOOTS

Wet leather opens up (burns) more easily - this means it becomes brittle, and can crack. Treat boots constantly with Leder-Gris, especially when damp, and during drying. Always dry slowly, in a cool place away from heat, direct sunlight or central heating, following the instructions given in this User Guide.

### SQUEAKING

If boots squeak, it is usually the leather in the upper area of the folded tongue - apply plenty of Leder-Gris to the area.

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### TRYING ON NEW BOOTS

Wherever possible, try on boots at one of Altbergs retailers to check your size, and get advice about boot type and potential useage. Select the boot that best suits your intended use – for example, if you will be driving a lot, select a boot that is not too stiff so you will have better ‘feel’ through the sole. Remember, the retailer may offer advice, but the final boot selection and sizing remains entirely with the customer.

When trying boots on, always wear the same type of sock that you intend to use with the boots. Altberg recommend use of merino wool socks, which come in different thickness/weights – ask the advice of a specialist retailer.

If it is not possible to try boots on before buying, you should be aware that there is an element of uncertainty in getting the right size. When you receive the boots try them on, inside, on carpet. Try them around the house, and if you are unsure about the correct fit **do not wear them outside.**

Boots may be returned to us for an exchange or a full refund if they are **unworn, in absolute brand new condition, with tags and original packaging.** Please note, we do not refund postage costs on boots returned for fit or suitability.

### BOOT SELECTION

Boot selection is entirely the responsibility of the purchaser. You should consider:

- Lining: Cambrelle® - more breathable, better control of foot temperature and faster drying **OR** Sympatex® - slower drying, waterproof membrane, added waterproof protection
- Category of boot: eg. High activity/running (eg. Tabbing/Sneaker)  
Hot weather (eg. Desert/Jungle Microlites)  
Cold wet weather (eg. Bergen)

**There is not one single boot that can be suitable for all military activities or conditions.**

### FOOTBEDS

Footbeds will eventually lose their shock absorbing qualities, and should be replaced periodically with new ones. Altbergs standard AirGrid footbeds, which are fitted into the boots, are not expensive to replace, and they will significantly improve comfort.

**The Svartz Footbed Option** offers a comfort and fitting upgrade – ask your retailer, or speak with the factory about the advantages of the Svartz footbeds option.

### ACID, MANURE, FERTILISER

Acid, manures and fertilisers are very bad for leather and shock absorbing wedges in the sole. Prolonged exposure will result in irreversible damage. Always rinse boots thoroughly if they’ve been exposed to levels of acid, alkaline or fertiliser, and apply Leder-Gris while slightly damp.