

SILVERADO BAG SAG

Issue:

Anyone with the Leather Silverado Saddle Bags that are more than a couple of years old will most likely be seeing the top sag inward. This sagging pulls the sides of the top in as well. **See Sag B4**



Sag B4

Plan:

I had once read that if you stuffed the bags full with wet towels, and left them there until towels and bags dried out, the bags would take their original shape through shrinkage. So I figured the same principle should apply to just the lids.

Action:

I opened the bags and supported the lids in a way that they would be flat, without any support under the sagged portion. I then placed a soaked facecloth in the curved raw leather area, where the sag was occurring. I started to see results within an hour. I added water to the cloths enough to keep them soaked over a 6-hour period. At the end of six hours the lids had nearly returned to their original shape. The facecloths were removed and the bags allowed to sit overnight. It took about 24 hours for the lids to completely dry out. **See Soak 1-2**



Soak 1



Soak 2

Results:

Once dried, the sags were almost entirely removed and the lids looked as good as new, with no apparent side affects. **See After 1-2-3**



After 1



After 2



After 3

Conclusion:

None, really, except that it worked. I treated the leather with my usual application of Lexol. Will the lids maintain their new shape? My guess is no. Since they originally sagged over time I suspect they may again. The question is, how soon?

Advisory:

I am only reporting on what I did, and am not advocating this is in any way a recommended fix. Obviously the amount of sag will determine the amount of time required in each step, and the results. If you decide to try it, good luck, but you are on your own.

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