

# CLEANING YOUR TACK

## SILVER

If you have a small job, the best silver polish is white toothpaste. Dab some on an old, soft, toothbrush, and rub into the tarnish. For bigger pieces, use baking soda and a clean, damp sponge. Make a paste of baking soda and water. Scoop the paste onto the sponge, and rub the paste into the silver. Rinse with hot water and polish dry with a soft, clean cloth. For badly tarnished silver, leave the baking soda paste on the silver for an hour or so, before cleaning off with the help of the sponge and hot water

## CLEANING YOUR LEATHER SADDLE

### IF YOUR TACK IS VERY DIRTY AND OR VERY DRY

Damp a sponge (not to wet!) and rub on your saddle soap. Rub in small circles until it lathers. Rinse sponge in clean water and rub you leather until clean.

Next, take a clean sponge and wipe off the entire soap residue. If you leave the soap residue, it will dry out your tack. Continue cleaning all the soap off and remember that your sponge should never be too wet.

After a good clean, it's good oil your tack. Take a small amount of oil and use a small brush. Oil the underside of your tack in thin layers. If the top part needs to be oiled, use even a smaller amount or else the oil may come off onto your clothes.

If your tack is very dry and you want to oil again, wait at least 3-4 hours between oilings, even better is overnight.



Be sure to wipe off excess oil when you are done. Using a dry cloth at this stage rubbing your tack will give an extra shine.

For day-to-day cleaning, you should wipe your tack down each time you ride.

