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7-Test Leather Checklist

Check any jacket, bag, wallet, belt or shoe in a few minutes. Tick each test as you go.

TEST	REAL LEATHER	FAKE LEATHER
☐ **1. Read the label**	"Full grain", "top grain", hide name	"PU", "PVC", "faux", "vegan", "man-made", "bonded"
☐ **2. Look at the cut edge**	Rough fibres, like felt or suede	Shiny plastic layer on woven fabric
☐ **3. Check pores and grain**	Uneven pores, small marks, creases	Perfect pattern that repeats
☐ **4. Smell it**	Rich, earthy, slightly sweet	Chemical, plastic, or no smell
☐ **5. Feel and press it**	Warm, soft, wrinkles like skin	Cold, stiff, springs back flat
☐ **6. Water drop test**	Slowly absorbs a small drop (unfinished)	Drop sits on top and rolls off
☐ **7. Compare the price**	Fair price for the size and grade	Too cheap to be true

Result: If the edge (test 2) shows fabric, it is not real leather. Most items are clear by test 4.

Ordering from a factory? Check these too

- ☐ Ask for a leather swatch and the tannery name before sampling.
- ☐ Get the leather spec in writing: animal, grade, thickness (mm), tanning and finish.
- ☐ Run the edge and water tests on the swatch and on your first sample.
- ☐ For bulk orders, ask for an independent lab report (e.g. chromium VI, colour fastness, tear strength).
- ☐ Keep a signed "golden sample" and compare bulk production against it.
- ☐ Check random pieces from bulk before shipment: edges, labels, smell and finish.

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