

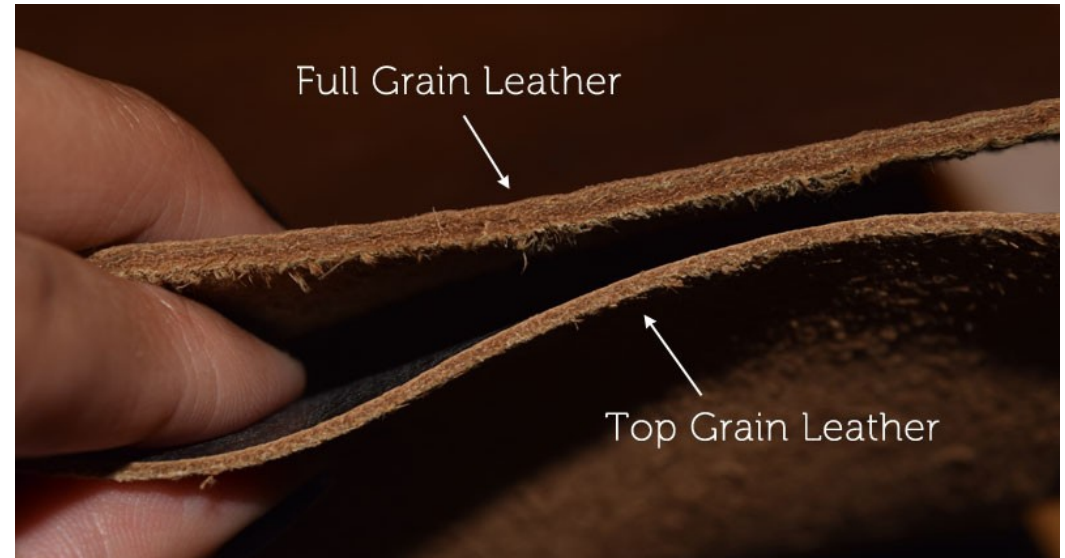
Leather and substitute leather products have characteristics that may be viewed as positives or negatives depending upon one's perspective. The varying types of leather are produced in different ways, which lead to their differing qualities. There are significantly more types of leather than we have listed, but these few are the main ones involved in the making of belts. We have attempted to clarify the terms and attributes below to help you choose the product that best serves your individual needs.

### FULL GRAIN LEATHER

<b>Cost</b>	\$\$\$\$
<b>Durability</b>	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) Rated highest in durability and strength
<b>Characteristics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Natural texture</li> <li>- Full thickness (solid piece of leather)</li> <li>- Soft, comfortable fit</li> <li>- Casual look</li> <li>- Heavy duty wear</li> </ul>

### TOP GRAIN LEATHER

<b>Cost</b>	\$\$\$
<b>Durability</b>	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5) (6) (7) (8) (9) (10) Rated very high in durability and strength
<b>Characteristics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Refined, smooth texture</li> <li>- Dressier appearance</li> <li>- Solid piece of leather</li> <li>- Heavy duty wear</li> </ul>



### MID GRADE LEATHER

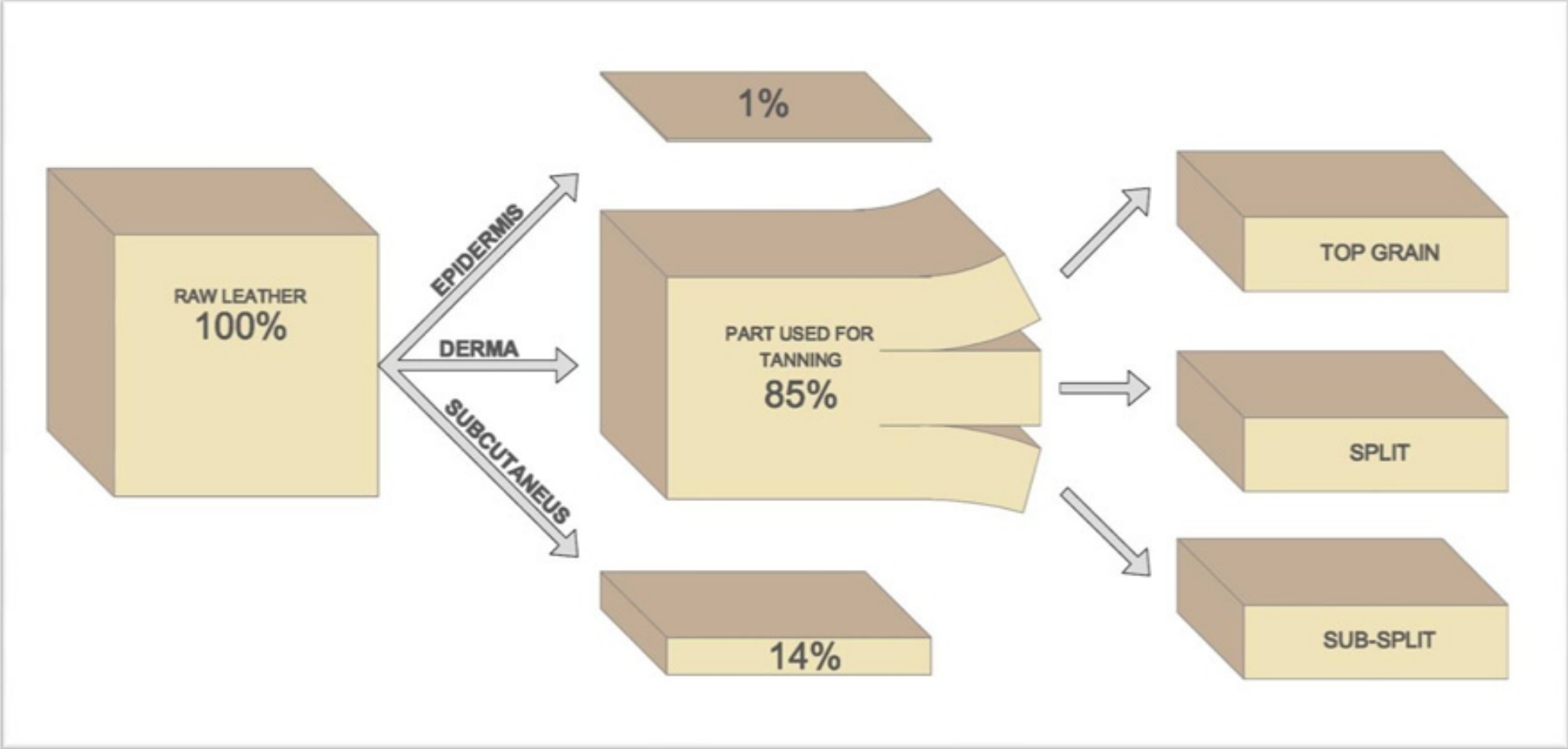
<b>Cost</b>	\$\$
<b>Durability</b>	<p>① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩</p> <p>Medium durability and strength</p>
<b>Characteristics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Top Grain Upper stitched to split grain backing</li> <li>- Attractive, finished appearance</li> <li>- Cost effective option</li> <li>- Medium-to light-duty wear</li> </ul>



### SPLIT GRAIN LEATHER

<b>Cost</b>	\$
<b>Durability</b>	<p>① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩</p> <p>Lower durability and strength</p>
<b>Characteristics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Artificially consistent texture is easier to clean/maintain</li> <li>- Lacks the look, strength and breath-ability of natural leather products</li> <li>- Light duty wear</li> </ul>





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