
BEATER SEAL PELT GRADING CLASSIFICATION

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COLOUR

- A Natural, completely clean, no yellowing on pelt.
- B Near natural, clean, light yellow cast or hue, slight yellowing on the pelt in 1 or more locations.
- C Distinct overall yellow – yellow staining in one or more locations.

QUALITY

- 1
 - No holes below the upper shoulder line.
 - No more than 2 holes in the neck area.
 - Pelting is uniform and straight cut down the belly
 - Flipper holes are uniform and as small as possible – i.e. skinned to the paw.
 - No hair side defect showing in the hair
- 2
 - Skin as in condition # 1 + not more than one of the following:
 - One hole smaller than 1cm/0.4" in the main body
 - Not more than two very small holes (less than 3mm/0.1") in the main body at or below the shoulder line.
 - A hair side defect less than 2.5cm/1" long anywhere below the shoulder line.
 - Pelting off centre - greater than 1.25cm/ 0.5" off centre line.
 - Over sized flipper holes (less than 2.5cm/ 1" sleeve on grading table)
 - Only one (1) flipper hole intact
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 - Same condition as # 1,
 - With two of the following conditions:
 - One hole smaller than 1cm/0.4" in the main body
 - Not more than two very small holes (less than 3mm/0.1") in the main body at or below the shoulder line.
 - A hair side defect less than 2.5cm/1" long anywhere below the shoulder line.
 - Pelting off centre - greater than 1.25cm/ 0.5" off centre line.
 - Over sized flipper holes (less than 2.5cm/ 1" sleeve on grading table)
 - Only one (1) flipper hole intact

Or one of the following

- Not more than three small holes (less than 3mm/0.1") below upper shoulder line
- Not more than two holes below upper shoulder line, one hole 1.5cm/0.6" and the other 2.5cm/1"
- Two hair side defects less than 2.5cm / 1" inch long below the upper shoulder line
- One hair side defect greater than 2.5cm/1" and less than 5cm/2" below upper shoulder line

DEFINITIONS

SHOULDER: 12 cm/4.75 inch band above the flipper holes (based on a hand's width)

NECK : 12 cm/ 4.75 inch band above shoulder band

SLEEVE: Band of skin surrounding flipper, past edge of armpit

HAIR SIDE DEFECT: Knife mark ,scar, scratch, bite mark or hole

BASIC PELT CONDITIONS FOR SALE:

- The pelt must not be tainted, decomposed or unwholsom including ice burn.
- Face and tail should remain with the pelt: I.E. DO NOT SQUARE CUT PELT
- There should be no missing hair or loose hair.

