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Updates to Gibson Bass Stamper for hides

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Gibson Bass is continually updating its Stamper to ensure that the company is at the forefront of leather supply chain traceability needs.

Credit: Gibson Bass

The Australia-based company notes that “extensive interaction with a wide range of customers over more than 20 years of operation has seen the Gibson Bass Stamper evolve to meet the growing need for clear, permanent, individual, hide, skin and split identification”.

Among these necessary updates is the need for the Gibson Bass Stamper to identify not only the grain, but also the drop split, with a one-second stamp. Therefore, with each of the spring stainless cutters having the equivalent of 40kg forcing them through the hide, the seven cutters in each digit go right through the hide or skin, leaving a permanent stamp on both grain and drop.

Gibson Bass notes that even the toughest, dung-laden heavy hides can be handled easily by the Gibson Bass Stamper’s open jaw

innovation, which opens up to 45mm to manage the thickest of hides.

Meanwhile, individualised, optimised software provides complete control for the operator through the Allen Bradley electronics and touchscreen, including a “dual mode” option to complete each stamp twice so that both sides can be identified for the shoe trade.

Customers may also elect to send a number from their local area network to the stamper, allowing complete control over what is stamped.

The company notes: “For example, at one of the latest installations at a tannery in the UK, a number is sent from their operating system to the stamper, where unfleshed hides are stamped on arrival. This particular stamper also has a knife which makes, as part of the stamp, a hole for hanging the hide on a hook, saving a separate operation.

“The stamp protocol, stamping any combination of letters or numbers, is customised to meet clients’ requirements. Our extensive industry involvement has made it clear that no two supply chains operate in the same way. Some stamp on the kill floor, at the bottom of the hide chute at an abattoir or at induction to the tannery, and each situation requires its own unique solution for traceability.”

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