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Model: 6202-01

1. INTRODUCTION

The Tandy Leather Craftool Beveler Stamp 6202-01 is a specialized tool designed for leather carving. It is used to create a three-dimensional relief effect in carved leather designs by pressing down the background areas around your main design. Proper use of this tool, combined with correct leather moisture, helps achieve a distinct burnishing effect, darkening the recessed areas and making your design stand out.



Image 1: The Tandy Leather Craftool Beveler Stamp 6202-01. This image displays the metal beveler stamp with its textured face, designed for creating depth in leatherwork.

2. SETUP

Before using the beveler stamp, ensure your workspace is clean and well-lit. Proper preparation of the leather is crucial for optimal results.

2.1 Preparing the Leather

1. **Select Appropriate Leather:** Use vegetable-tanned leather, typically 5-9 oz (2.0-3.6 mm) thick, for best carving results.

- 2. Case the Leather:** Lightly dampen the leather with water using a sponge until it is uniformly moist but not saturated. The leather should return to its natural color after a few minutes, indicating it is ready for tooling. This state is often referred to as "cased."
- 3. Transfer Your Design:** Use a stylus or tracing tool to transfer your desired pattern onto the cased leather.
- 4. Swivel Knife Cutting:** Carefully cut the main outlines of your design with a swivel knife. This creates the channels that the beveler will work against.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

The beveler stamp is used to depress the background areas around your carved design, making the design appear raised. This process is called beveling.

3.1 Beveling Technique

- 1. Position the Beveler:** Place the edge of the beveler stamp firmly against the swivel knife cut line, with the textured face of the stamp pointing away from your design.
- 2. Strike the Beveler:** Using a rawhide mallet or maul, strike the top of the beveler stamp with consistent, moderate force. The goal is to depress the leather evenly.
- 3. Overlap Impressions:** Move the beveler along the cut line, overlapping each impression slightly to create a continuous, smooth bevel. Avoid gaps or uneven pressure, which can lead to choppy lines.
- 4. Maintain Moisture:** If the leather begins to dry out during the process, lightly re-case it with a damp sponge. Dry leather will not accept impressions well and can result in a poor burnishing effect.
- 5. Achieve Burnishing:** Correct beveling, especially with proper leather moisture, will cause the depressed areas to darken, creating a "burnished" effect that enhances the contrast and depth of your design.

For further guidance on correct and incorrect beveling techniques, refer to "Tech Tips" #66056-00 by Al Stohlman, available from Tandy Leather.

4. MAINTENANCE

Proper care will ensure the longevity and performance of your Craftool Beveler Stamp.

- Cleaning:** After each use, wipe the stamp clean with a dry cloth to remove any leather dust or residue. If necessary, use a soft brush to clean the textured face.
- Storage:** Store the beveler stamp in a dry environment to prevent rust. A tool rack or a dedicated tool box is recommended.
- Rust Prevention:** If storing for extended periods, apply a thin coat of light oil (e.g., mineral oil or tool oil) to the metal parts to prevent corrosion. Wipe off excess oil before next use.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Weak or unclear impressions	Leather is too dry; insufficient striking force.	Re-case the leather to the proper moisture level. Increase striking force with the mallet.
Leather tearing or stretching	Leather is too wet; excessive striking force.	Allow leather to dry slightly. Reduce striking force. Ensure leather is firmly supported.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Uneven beveling or choppy lines	Inconsistent striking force; improper stamp overlap.	Practice maintaining consistent force. Ensure each stamp impression slightly overlaps the previous one.
No burnishing effect	Leather is too dry; incorrect beveling angle.	Ensure leather is properly cased. Experiment with the angle of the beveler to achieve optimal compression and darkening.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model:** 6202-01 (B202L)
- **Brand:** Tandy Leather
- **Type:** Craftool Beveler Stamp
- **Material:** Iron
- **Approximate Dimensions:** 5/8 x 9/16 inches (15.875 x 14.2875 mm)
- **Item Weight:** Approximately 9.07 grams (0.32 ounces)
- **UPC:** 098834620303

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Tandy Leather Craftool stamps are designed for durability and long-lasting performance. For specific warranty information or technical support, please contact Tandy Leather directly through their official website or customer service channels. Keep your purchase receipt for any warranty claims.

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