

Shoe Construction

Goodyear Welt

A traditional method of manufacturing which provides a shoe that will give comfort, excellent shape retention, water-resistance and repairable properties.

- Excellent insulation against cold and heat
- Good shape retention
- Easy to repair



Barker Welt

Barkerwelt is a special Barker version of the welted construction. By adjusting the 'lasting' and 'making' process, the sole is cemented and not stitched. This allows for a closer sole edge and a lighter sole giving finer looking, more flexible sole - whilst still retaining the advantages of welted shoes.

- Extra flexibility
- Fine appearance



Cemented

A construction using specialised adhesives in place of stitched welts to bond the upper parts and soles, thus achieving lightness and flexibility.

- Lightweight shoe

- Flexible



Softly, Softly

The softness of the leather forepart on cork delivers just the right amount of softness under foot. It also gives the right degree of shock absorption.

Flexibility

The shoe bends naturally, along with the ball of the foot, thanks to the soft leather forepart insole and the slashed outer sole.

Supreme Comfort

The shape and retention properties of a formal Goodyear Welted shoe, combined with Barker's unique flexible forepart, offer supreme comfort.

Keep in shape

The shoe achieves a highly personal footbed, actually taking on the shape of your foot because the upper leather rests on cork.

Breathe in, Breathe out

Your feet will be able to breathe thanks to the properties of the cork and leather which let moisture escape naturally.

Shoe Care

If you consider that Barker shoes take several weeks to make and can last a life-time, it's well worth taking a little time to care for your investment. Here are some simple guidelines:

- Always clean shoes regularly by cleaning off any surplus dirt with a brush or damp cloth
- For leather shoes apply a quality shoe polish or cream and buff off with either a dry cloth or a brush
- For suede shoes brush up the nap with a suede brush
- For Nubuck shoes wipe with a cloth dipped in slightly soapy, warm water

- If shoes are wet let them dry naturally as quality calf leather shoes require a slow natural drying process
- The use of a shoe tree is recommended as it will help to retain the shape of the shoe

The Barker Repair Service

Most Barker shoes can be completely rebuilt by the same craftsmen who made them. Whenever they need repairing, simply take them to your local Barker [stockist](#) who will return them to our factory in Earls Barton.

There are certain shoes, however, which cannot be repaired, due to their construction (i.e. non welted), and we will be pleased to advise customers which styles this applies to.

In particular, the addition of stick-on soles can cause problems with balance and distortion of the shoe. Barkers cannot accept responsibility for repairs to footwear which have had stick-on soles applied.

If shoes have been repaired by a third party we are, regrettably, unable to offer this service and accept no liability for the quality of the work undertaken. This does not affect your statutory rights.