



## Mount Saver Hide Pre-Soak Technical Bulletin

**About:** The Mount Medix Mount Saver Hide Pre-Soak is designed to be used primarily by the professional taxidermist. As the name says, this product is a hide soak to be used prior to mounting. Hide Pre-Soak designed to be used on both wet and dry tanned hides. The wet tans it can be added to or replace the wash solution used to remove excess tanning oils as a final hide preparation prior to mounting. For dry tans, it can be added to or replace the rehydration solution normally used. In both cases, some of the Mount Medix ingredients will be absorbed by the hide adding another phase of protection to the mount. Combine the use of Hide Pre-Soak, with Mount Saver Glue Additive and Mount Protector allows a taxidermist to produce an insect/bug-proof mount as the mount no longer is a food source for insects.

**Applications:** Typically, this is a product that will only be used by the taxidermist during the preparation of the mounts. It is designed to be used on both wet and dry tanned hides. The wet tans it can be added to or replace the wash solution used to remove excess tanning oils as a final hide preparation prior to mounting. For dry tans it can be added to or replace the rehydration solution normally used. Since a 1 liter Hide Soak makes 230 liters of solution, the increased cost of using the product per mount is not very much.

**Alternative uses:** Mount Saver Hide Pre-Soak is also very good to treat horns. Make a bath and submerge the skull and horns in the bath. This is done, by adding 150 ml (1,5 dl) of Pre-Soak per 4 litres of water. This mix can be used continuously as long as fresh Pre-Soak is added periodically. The soaking bath is commonly used with skulls that have been cleaned and degreased but horns have not been removed. There will be some tissue in the horn cavity that will be odorous and also attract bugs, especially dermestids. **A 48-hour soak, will help remove bad odour and clean away any bugs that might be present. Some taxidermists keep a large vat of the Hide Pre-Soak solution to soak incoming horns and antlers prior to storing in the horn rooms prior to mounting. This again will render any residual tissue that may be on the skull or skull cap inedible, thus helping to keep dermestids out of processing areas of the shop.**

**Freeze Dry:** There are processors in the freeze-dry industry that will presoak their specimens in a Hide Pre-Soak solution prior to processing in the vacuum chambers. This is to render any residual tissue that may have been inaccessible to destructive insects. If this process is used please be sure your chambers do not have neoprene seals as the vapours of the active will destroy the neoprene.

**Shelf life:** Greater than 5 years

**Available sizes and usage:**

The Mount Medix Mount Saver Hide Pre-Soak is available in a 0,946-liter bottle of Ready-To-Use. Generally, mix 1 tablespoon (15 ml) with 4 liter of cool water

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