



# LYNX

## GRADING SECTIONS

**NWT:** Pelts from the Northern areas of Canada (the majority of the Lynx fall into this section). The nap is of intermediate length, the back colour is more silvery and the bellies tend to be clearer. The leather is usually very supple.

**AK:** Pelts from Alaska are larger in size and have a longer nap than the NWT and NTH sections. The bellies also have longer hair and a fuller appearance. Back colours are silvery and bellies are clearer.

**NTH:** Lynx from the central areas of Canada and Labrador have a boardier leather, shorter nap and browner colour.

## SIZE

Measured from nose to base of tail.

XL	Over 99cm	Over 39"	(adult)
L	88.9 cm-99 cm	35"-39"	(adult)
LM	Under 88.9cm	Under 35"	(adult)
M	78.7 cm-88.9 cm	31"-35"	(juvenile)
SM	Under 78.7 cm	Under 31"	(juvenile)



(a) very early (b) early (c) prime (d) springy

**PRIMING SEQUENCE OF THE LYNX**  
**TOP: WHOLE PELTS**  
**BOTTOM: CROSS-SECTIONS OF FUR**

## CLARITY

There are 4 clarities of the bellies.

1-2	X CLEAR/CLEAR	Very bright fur with very little or no yellow in the under fur.
3	SLIGHT OFF	Yellowish band in the under fur of the belly
4	OFF	Dark yellow to orange cast to the belly.
5	BADLY OFF/STAINED	Very orange dirty cast to the belly or a stained belly from lactating females.

CATALOGUE SECTION I

SEL	SELECT	Shiny fully prime skins with complete flanks and full bellies, dense under fur, completely covered and free of imperfections.
I	FIRST	Shiny and fully prime skins, free of imperfections but will be slightly open in appearance with slightly weaker bellies.
I -II	FIRST AND SECOND	Pelts in this grade are weaker than a I. The flanks are more open, the belly is weaker and has a lower density under fur. Free of imperfections.
II	SECOND	<p>GOOD (Gd): Weaker than a I-II, with a more open appearance and dull shine to the guard hairs. Free of imperfections.</p> <p>AVERAGE (Avg): A lighter weight skin than above with poorer coverage and a weaker belly. Free of imperfections.</p> <p>POOR (Pr): A poorly covered pelt with a weak belly.</p>



(a) Clear (b) Slight Off

CATALOGUE SECTION III

III	THIRD	Pelts that may be very early or very late. The pelts will be very flat (early) or rubbed in the neck with very weak flanks (springy).
IV	FOURTH	Extremely early with dark blue leather and very short under fur, very springy pelts that are badly rubbed or very badly damaged skins.
SDG	SLIGHT DAMAGED	<p>GOOD (Gd): Pelts of good quality (SEL I) that have a very slight damage such as a small hole, sew or clip.</p> <p>POOR (Pr): Pelts of average quality (I-II, II) that have defects such as a small hole, sew or clip.</p>
DGD	DAMAGED	<p>GOOD (Gd): Pelts of good quality (SEL, I) that have more damage than SDG</p> <p>POOR (Pr): Pelts of average quality (I-II, II) with more damaged than SDG. May also contain tainted and snared skins.</p>



(c) Off (d) Stained

CLARITY CATEGORIES OF THE LYNX

NOTE: It should be noted that the Lynx are CITES species.