



RANCH MINK

TECHNICAL GUIDE



VARIETIES



Black Mink

Produced mainly in North America, these pelts have fine black guard hair with matching under-fur. NAFA offers the most exclusive Black Mink in the world.



Mahogany Mink

Mahogany mink have rich, dark brown guard hair with contrasting shades of dark to medium brown under-fur. They are produced internationally, but the majority come from North America.



Demi-Brown Mink

This variety of mink has a medium-brown guard hair with contrasting shades of dark to medium brown under-fur. These mink are produced in large quantities around the world.



Pastel Mink

These pale tan mink are produced in North America and Europe and have some of the most dense, plush under-fur.



Blue Iris Mink

Characterized by dark blue guard hair with a flashy, bluish hued under-fur, these mink are produced mainly in United States.



Silverblue Mink

Silverblue mink have grey-blue guard hair and matching under-fur. They are mainly produced by European ranchers, but there are some North American producers as well.



Sapphire Mink

Light Blue guard hair with matching under-fur, Sapphire mink is produced mainly in the United States.



Violet Mink

Produced in North America and Europe, Violet mink are a pale purple with little contrast between guard hair and under-fur.



Palomino Mink

Cream coloured guard hair with a pale tan under-fur; these mink have an orange tone compared to the Pastel Mink. They are produced internationally.

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Pearl Mink

Pearl Mink are largely of European origin, though some North American ranches do produce them as well. These mink have pale, off-white guard hair with matching under-fur.



White Mink

White Mink are produced in large quantities in North America and Europe. Their bright white guard hair, with matching under-fur, is ideal for dying vivid colours or leaving natural.

In addition, NAFA offers a wide variety of Unique Mutations & Crosses as part of our mink assortment.

GRADES

NAFA Gold / Black NAFA - Blackglama *

Complete pelts with very dense under-fur, good coverage, and a smooth and silky texture.

NAFA Silver

Complete pelts with moderate under-fur, uneven coverage, and a lesser degree of silkiness.

NAFA Bronze

Complete pelts with shallow under-fur and coarse texture.

VSL

Prime pelts with very slight damage.

VSA

Prime pelts with dense to very dense under-fur, good coverage and silky texture that are very slightly damaged.

VSB

Prime pelts with shallow to moderate under-fur and coarse texture that are very slightly damaged.

Breeders

Mink that were used for breeding and have stains or matting on the belly. These mink are further graded by quality of the belly and defects on the back. Pelts are put into Section III if there is any damage exceeding the VSL grade.

Section III

Pelts with damage amounting to more than 3cm on the main body of the pelt are put into Section III. These skins are further graded by type and extent of damage.

**The Black NAFA- Blackglama grade is exclusive to NAFA's Black Mink Collection.*

NAPS

Nap describes the length of the guard hair in relation to the underfur. The length of guard hair contributes to the appearance of a pelt; shorter nap creates a velvety look whereas longer naps have a shinier appearance. The nap standards vary according to variety.

North American mink generally have denser, more compact underwool, whereas European mink are lauded for their uniform appearance and impressive size. Mink can range in nap from EXTRA SHORT NAP to LONG.



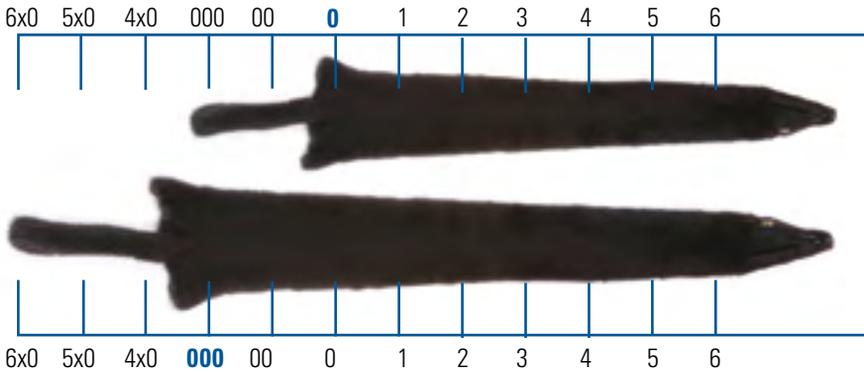
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| 1X | XSN | EXTRA SHORT NAP |
| 1 | SN | SHORT NAP |
| 2 | SMN | SHORT-MEDIUM NAP |
| 3 | MN | MEDIUM NAP |
| 4 | LN | LONG NAP |

SIZE

NAFA sizes each skin to the industry standard sizing scale listed below. Each size is determined by measuring the skin from the nose to the lowest point on the skirt.

There are two board types used on male mink. The European Board mink are identified by the abbreviation 'EBD'.

6x0	Over 107 cm
5x0	101-107 cm
4x0	95 -101 cm
000	89 - 95 cm
00	83 - 89 cm
0	77 - 83 cm
1	71 -77 cm
2	65 - 71 cm
3	59 - 65 cm
4	53 - 59 cm
5	47 - 53 cm
6	Under 47 cm



CLARITIES

Each pelt also has a range in the hue of the under-fur. Clarities vary from clear blue to red. Clarity breaks are dependent on the variety and quantity offered each sale.

Extra Clear	X	
Clear, Blue	1	
Slight Off	2	
Off	3	
Red	4	

COLOURS

Each variety of mink contains a range in the shade of the colour. NAFA uses state of the art Xrite technology to separate all colour shades (from dark to pale)

- BLK** (Black)
- 3XD** (Triple Extra Dark)
- XXD** (Double Extra Dark)
- XD** (Extra Dark)
- DK** (Dark)
- MED** (Medium)
- PL** (Pale)
- XP** (Extra Pale)
- XXP** (Double Extra Pale)
- 3XP** (Triple Extra Pale)
- 4XP** (Quadruple Extra Pale)

Colours by Major Mink Variety

VARIETY	COLOURS						
BLACK MINK	BLK	XXD	XD	DK			
MAHOGANY MINK	XXD	XD	DK	MED			
DEMI-BROWN MINK	XXD	XD	DK	MED	PL	XP	
PASTEL MINK	XD	DK	MED	PL	XP	XXP	3XPL
SILVERBLUE MINK	XXD	XD	DK	MED	PL	XP	
PEARL MINK	MED	PL	XP	XXP	3XP	4XP	