



Guide for Leather Cutting Steel Rule Dies

Request for Quotes and Orders

New and Returning Customers

First time customers and those who haven't ordered in 2022, please complete the **Quote Request and Order Submittal Form** and include it with your email request.

Existing customers can send quote requests to Orders@Milwaukeesrd.com and must include:

- Contact Name, phone number and shipping address
- Material Type and Thickness
- Press Type
- Press Tonnage
- Attach Drawing File(s)

File Formats: We will require files in one of the following formats:

- .ai (adobe illustrator)
- .DXF
- Vectored PDF
- .EPS

All files must be save in INCHES, no other unit of measure.

We do not offer design or CAD programming services.

We do not accept hand drawn pictures or cut pieces.

You can create your own files using this free CAD software:

<https://www.qcad.org/en/qcad-downloads-trial>

You can get this file conversion done relatively inexpensive at Fiverr:

<https://www.fiverr.com/>

Please don't send over one file at a time for pricing or ordering. All file attachments should be in one email for a quote or order.

Manufacturing Process

Die Board: Lexan – This material is 10x stronger than plexiglass and is also rated as bullet resistant. It is so strong it is used in the process of making bullet proof glass. D

Cutting Rule: - 3 PT .937" long center bevel high cut rule

Punches: 1/8" Feed Thru, 1/16 Feed Thru – Used for stitching
Pinpoint – Used for stitching holes

Feed thru is a term used to describe how the punch works, the leather will stick into the punch and feed thru the back of the die the non-sharp side.

USA Made Ejection Rubber/Foam

The pink rubber we put around the blades is used to pop the leather out of the die without you having to pick or push it out. The rubber has been mistaken for packaging. Do not remove the rubber.

Shipping

UPS Ground

FAQ - LEATHER CUTTING STEEL RULE DIES

If I don't have files, can you design them?

No, we do not offer design or CAD programming services. You need to submit a vectored PDF, Adobe Illustrator, DXF, EPS or DD3 file in order to process your request at this time.

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What size punches do you have? How close can the punches be together?

We carry many size punches but our most common punch sizes 1/8" or 1/16" Feed Thru.

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Is your standard leather die like the ones I see on Instagram?

Yes! Our standard leather die is made of the Clear Advantage 1/2" lexan, Pink foam ejection rubber, finger hole(s) (or some just use for hanger holes) and Super Blend Rule built to the tolerance of 1/32! All joints are welded to insure a perfect through cut!

What is your average turnaround time?

Our average turnaround time is 5-10 business day(s) until we ship UPS ground.

How long will my die last!

You should get thousands of impressions out of it. an average customer can expect anywhere between 1,000 to 250,000 impressions.

Can I cut multiple shapes at a time?

We follow these guidelines to direct you in your choice of press if needed:

2 Ton:: Simple small shapes ONLY!

4 Ton (Mighty wonder or similar): 1 design per die of simple shapes, but you are limited, wallet pieces, coasters and small straps.

8 Ton (Master Tools Mighty Wonder, or similar): this can run up to a 4 up of a simple shape with no

punches and a 2 up with punches. (Valet trays, purses/ bags (up to med size), 1 piece wallets with punches.

Hydraulic press (10-30 ton): Multiple shapes on the same die with 1/4" between pieces or pieces with common cut.

[What are the pink rubber pieces? Are they for shipping?](#)

The pink rubber we put around the blades is used to pop the leather out of the die without you having to pick or push it out. We install a finger hole or 2 in every die just in case.

[Can you label my dies so I can easily identify it?](#)

Yes, this is no extra charge! We will put the file name on the die. If you need specific labels, please communicate this at time of quote request or order.

[Can you cut thick leather?](#)

That depends, we can comfortably cut around 8-9oz leather with no issue. Once it gets past that, we only trust simple shapes and draw our limit to 12 oz.

[How does the die ship? Can I have a tracking number?](#)

You can expect the die to ship UPS, wrapped to make sure it will make it to you without being damaged! If anything happened during shipping, please reach out ASAP and we will do what we can to fix the issue! We do our best to add your email for tracking. If you don't receive notification, please let us know.

[I'm in Canada/ not in the USA, can I still get dies?](#)

Yes. Additional shipping charges do apply but we have shipped dies to every state in the USA, Mexico, Canada, Alaska, Germany, Switzerland, and Australia!

[Is there a volume discount? Multiple dies, Multiple same dies?](#)

We do volume discounts for both. Once you have over 15 dies on a single order, we will work with you to make sure you will get special pricing.