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Purchase Description

Belt, Sword, Officer's

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RCMP VIEWING SAMPLE

A viewing sample, when available, will be supplied to the successful tenderer.

This will be used for the guidance of the manufacturer in all factors not covered by this specification or referred to therein. Variation from the specification may appear in the sample in which case the specification shall govern.

It may be obtained from:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police
ATTN: Quality Control
(440 Coventry Road, Warehouse Building)
1200 Vanier Parkway
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0R2

It will be sent “prepaid” and is to be returned “prepaid”.

The viewing sample shall be returned to the RCMP in the same condition as received by the manufacturer. Lost or damaged viewing samples shall be replaced by an identical item or the RCMP shall be reimbursed for the cost of an acceptable replacement.

PURCHASE DESCRIPTION

BELT, SWORD, OFFICER'S

1. **SCOPE**

This purchase description describes the requirements for a "Belt, Sword, Officer's" for use by Royal Canadian Mounted Police personnel.

2. **DETAILED DESCRIPTION**

- 2.1 **Leather** - Cowhide, 1.25mm, +/-0.15mm thick. Colour as per sealed sample. The leather shall be highly colour fast, and shall not stain clothing during wearing. Leather shall be supple, flexible, showing no defects, cuts, holes, abrasions or any other defect that would affect its appearance or serviceability. Leather shall be doubled over and adhered together with a suitable adhesive, with the butted seam hidden beneath the gold lace. Ends of leather portions shall be skived appropriately as indicated by the viewing sample. Any dye, colour, applied finish or any other substance shall not leach out of the leather and affect the colour and appearance of the surface trim. If necessary, an additional, durable finish shall be applied to the leather in order to achieve the desired performance.
- 2.2 **Surface Trim/Fabric** - Gold coloured lace material to be a blend of 49% cotton, 28% nylon, 19% polyester and 4% rayon with central purple portion of 100% cotton, as per viewing sample, colour, size and pattern to match.
- 2.3 **Hardware** - The Officer's Sword Belt shall have the following hardware - Sword Hook Assembly, Sliding Adjustment Loop, Sling Strap Loop and Buckle Clasp. These items shall be as per the viewing sample and attached drawings, and shall be gold plated as per the belt buckle (see below).
- 2.4 **Belt Buckle** - Shall be made of a metal alloy, suitably stiff and durable, equal to the viewing sample in characteristics. It shall be electroplated in accordance with the best commercial standards. The buckle shall be adequately cleaned and polished prior to plating. An electroplated hard acid 24 karat gold is then applied which shall be of the proper shade. There shall be no cut through, shaded, peeled or blistered plating, and it shall match the colour of the viewing sample. No visible porosity or defect that shall mar the appearance is allowed. The centre of the belt buckle shall have the badge of the RCMP fixed to it, and this badge device shall be made from sterling silver, as per viewing sample. The central badge device shall be securely joined to the buckle plate by means of posts and cotter pins, which shall prevent movement of the central badge device on the buckle. Rattling of the central badge device is not acceptable. The rear face of the buckle shall have a metal loop portion permanently soldered to the one end prior to gold plating, through which one end of the belt portion shall slide for permanent buckle attachment; the other end of the buckle shall have a metal retaining flange

permanently soldered to the other end of buckle prior to gold plating, used for securing the free end of the belt.

- 2.5 Thread - Equivalent to viewing sample, colour to match gold for top yarn, black for bottom yarns.
3. Sizes & Dimensions - Officer's Sword Belts shall be 51mm wide and otherwise dimensioned in accordance with the drawings attached and forming part of this purchase description. Sizes shall be determined and identified by imperial measurements, in 1" increments - e.g 'size 40'. Position of the sword hook from the buckle clasp shall be Dimension 'A', as per Dwg. 2 and Table I below.
4. Labelling - A permanently attached label shall be placed on body side of the belt with the following information provided in both English and French in black legible permanent lettering on a white background material:
- Item name
 - Item size
 - Name of manufacturer
 - Date of manufacture (MM/YYYY)
5. Packaging - Officer's Sword Belts shall be wrapped in acid-free tissue paper, colour white, non-marking and non-blemishing, then packaged in an air-tight, sealed clear plastic bag. arlton Ltd. is known to make a product that meets these requirements.

Table I
Position of Sword Hook

| Belt Size | Dimension 'A' Metric (Imperial) | Belt Size | Dimension 'A' Metric (Imperial) |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 28 | 13.3 | 41 | 23.5 |
| 29 | 14.6 | 42 | 24.1 |
| 30 | 15.9 | 43 | 24.8 |
| 31 | 17.2 | 44 | 25.4 |
| 32 | 17.8 | 45 | 26.7 |
| 33 | 18.4 | 46 | 27.3 |
| 34 | 19 | 47 | 28.6 |
| 35 | 19.7 | 48 | 30.5 |
| 36 | 20.3 | 49 | 31.1 |
| 37 | 21 | 50 | 31.8 |
| 38 | 21.6 | 51 | 32.4 |
| 39 | 22.2 | 52 | 34.3 |
| 40 | 22.9 | 53 | 35 |