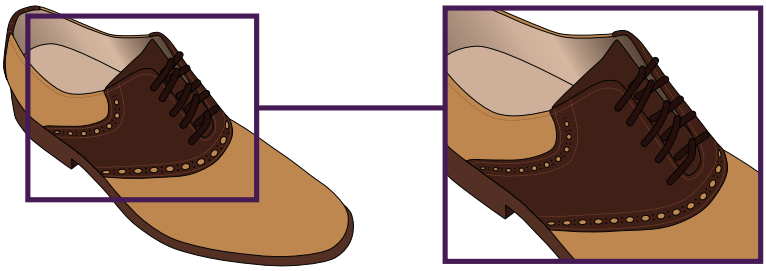
Bespoke Unit's Guide To The Saddle Shoe

Bespoke Unit's Key Saddle Shoe Facts

- An American classic, this shoe was worn by lindy-hoppers, swing dancers, and kids into rockabilly
- Sometimes they're solid black or brown, sometimes they're black with white or brown with white, and sometimes they're any color combination imaginable

What Makes It A Saddle Shoe?

- A saddle shoe is a lace-up shoe, typically an oxford, wherein a piece of leather sits across the throat like a saddle sits on a horse. This leather piece is often a different color than the rest of the shoe, but not always



Saddle Shoe Style Guide

Below is our "formality slider" for the Saddle Shoe and its casual and formal variations

ARCHETYPICAL: BLACK OR BROWN THROAT W/WHITE VAMP

Casual ← → Formal

NON-STANDARD COLOR COMBINATION SADDLE SHOES

SOLID BROWN OR BLACK LEATHER SADDLE SHOE

Outfits	Beach or Pool	Weekend Errands	Brunch or BBQ	Business Casual	Date Night	Business Dinner	Formal-ish Wedding	Job Interview	Business Professional	Tuxedo
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✓ = YES
○ = Maybe
✗ = NO

- Saddle shoes with white in the color scheme are great for summer and look wonderful with cotton or linen suits
- Solid saddle shoes are more versatile and can be worn with jeans, chinos, and even slacks

Aesthetically Similar Shoes: Blucher, Spectator, Brogue
Classic Quality Makers: Bass (USA), Johnston & Murphy (USA), Austen Heller (USA)

Typical Quality Makers' Price Ranges: Low: $100 | Mid $150 | High $225

To Read More About The Saddle Shoe Please Go To: BespokeUnit.com/Shoes/Styles/Saddle-Shoe/
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