

# How To Use Taxi-Tan 581

Mount By Scott Gunn with deer tanned with TT581



Day 1 Step 1 Completely flesh cape by removing all meat, fat and tissue. Turn ears, lips and nose. Remove as much meat as possible from around the lips, eyes, nostrils and chin.



Step 2 In 5 gallons of water (60-75° F), add 8 lbs. salt and mix up well. Next, completely mix-up container of Taxi-Tan 581 Part A by shaking container well. Add 12 oz. of TT-581 Part A to the five gallons of salt water and mix well. Then add 4 oz. of TT-581 Part B to the solution already containing salt water and Part A. Stir solution and mix well.

Step 3- Give fresh cape a quick washing in water under the tap. Approximately 30 seconds under the tap will do. Then hand squeeze

the dirty, bloody water out of the hair.



Step 4- Place rinsed off cape into the mixture of TT581 and salt water. If a dorsal cut cape let float hair up and flesh side down. If a short incision cape, make sure hair is turned in and flesh side out before placing in the TT581 solution. If possible, weight the cape down into the solution, or either stir and agitate cape around several times a day.



Day 2 Step 5 Cape can actually be rough shaved 24 hours after being placed in tan. Before it is shaved, pull cape out of solution. Let excess drain back into container the skin was pulled from. Next it is recommended to rinse cape well before shaving or either use latex gloves. Once rough shaved, as close as you feel comfortable, put cape back into solution and weight down under the surface. Repeat these shaving steps until cape is as thin as you desire. Someone experienced in shaving skins can actually have the cape thinned well enough on **day** three or four depending on original thickness of cape.



Neutralization- Once cape is shaved thin enough, mix up neutralization bath. 5 gallons of water, 3 lbs. salt, 2 ½ tablespoons of soda ash or 2 cups of sodium bicarbonate (baking soda). It is recommend to add some mild detergent or preferably H.Q Degreaser and Cape Washing Agent. Mix up well. Add tanned, shaved cape to bath for 15 minutes. Either keep weighted down or agitate every 3-4 minutes.





Once washed, rinse off in cold tap water. Completely wring-out or let hang to drip water. Cape can then be prepped and mounted or either frozen to a later date.



Disposal- Pour the neutralization bath into the TT-581 solution. Add enough soda ash or sodium bicarbonate to raise the pH between 6 and 11. Once it is to the correct pH, it should be ok to dispose of. It is always a good idea to check with local zoning and wastewater officials before you start using and disposing of tanning chemicals.

