

Men's Belts Suddenly Have Luxury Look



THERE IS FRESH individuality in fall traditional sport belts, according to the American Institute of Men's and Boys' Wear. It's the Paddock Look . . . beefed up with brass harness buckles . . . polished, with new wax-finish bridle leathers . . . brightened up with colors in striped webbing surcingle, shirting oxford, Madras . . . linked, more often than not, with side rings.

There is a look of luxury about men's belts this fall.

According to the American Institute of Men's and Boys' Wear, fine leathers such as "cashmere" calf, the softest suede, supple but durable pinsel, handsomely grained "sharkskin", exotically marked lizard, tough buffalo hide, cordovan and select alligators are adding their fashion - and - support to new suit trousers and slacks.

Of course, in belts as in other accessories, there are definite styles for both dress-up and sport wear. The dress-up group is distinguished by a look of elegance achieved through fine stitching, "bluffed" stitching in which the actual stitches are invisible, and jeweler treatments of belt buckles.

SOME OF THE new dressy buckles include smaller sized harness types with Florentine finishes and satiny brushed surfaces.

The heavier oiled leathers, typical sportswear fabrics, webs, braided leathers and heavy harness stitching lend themselves appropriately to casual and sport outfits. Most of those belts carry big, bold, brass or silvered buckles.

There are many other belts in both the sport and dressy groups that use side rings for added interest. Some of those "rings" are squared to add a new look. Match your belts to the color of your shoes for the right fashion touch.



They'll Clue You In

Birminghamites Betty Michalski (left) and Monica Benson, fashion panelists for an up-town store, model what's sharp as well as proper for a homecoming dance or a sock hop. Their good advice and helpful hints are available any day after school.

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