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Measure Your Bible Right

The Rebind Intake Kit — measurements and photos that get you a firm quote

Measure once, in quarter inches, and a rebinder can quote you properly — not guess.

Written by a working Bible rebinder, in plain language.
No jargon. No tools needed. Just your Bible and five minutes.

Why measuring matters

A rebinder sizes your new cover from your Bible's measurements. If the numbers are wrong, the cover is wrong. If the numbers are right, the quote can be firm instead of a guess.

You need three numbers. All three are rounded UP to the nearest quarter inch. Always round up, never down — a cover that is a touch roomy is fine; a cover that is too small is not.

The three measurements

1. HEIGHT. Stand the Bible upright, closed, on a flat surface. Measure from the bottom edge to the top edge. Write it down in inches.

2. PAGE WIDTH. Open the Bible flat. Measure one page, from the spine side to the outer edge. Just one page, not both pages together.

3. SPINE THICKNESS. Close the Bible and lay it flat. Measure how thick it is, from the front cover to the back cover, at the spine.

Round each number UP to the nearest quarter inch. For example, if the height measures 8 and 1/8 inches, write down 8 and 1/4 inches.

Worksheet — fill this in

- Height: _____ inches (rounded up to the nearest quarter inch)
- Page width: _____ inches (rounded up to the nearest quarter inch)
- Spine thickness: _____ inches (rounded up to the nearest quarter inch)
- Bible version and edition (for example: ESV Thinline, KJV Large Print): _____
- What is wrong with it, in your own words: _____
- What do you want kept the same (cover, ribbons, endsheets, writing inside)? _____

How to photograph damage

Good photos get you a better quote. You do not need a fancy camera — a phone in daylight is fine.

- Whole Bible, closed, front and back.
- Whole Bible, open, showing the pages.
- The spine, straight on.
- A close-up of each damaged spot: hinge, corner, loose page, torn page.
- Any writing, notes, or marks you want kept — photograph those too, so nothing is lost.

Take photos in daylight, not flash, and hold the phone steady. Blurry close-ups help no one.

What to tell a rebinder

Send your three measurements, your photos, and short answers to these questions:

- What is the Bible, and how old is it?
- What is wrong with it?
- What do you want kept the same?
- What leather, colour, ribbons, and words on the cover and spine do you want — or are you happy to be guided?
- Is there a date you need it back by?

A rebinder who has all of that can give you a firm quote. A rebinder who has only a photo and 'how much?' has to guess — and a guess is rarely good news for anyone.

What a firm quote should cover

Before you agree to anything, you should know: the total price, what is included, what would cost extra, how long it will take, who pays shipping each way, and when payment is due. If any of that is unclear, ask before you send your Bible — not after.

This guide gives general care advice. It does not replace a rebinder's judgment on a damaged Bible. If you are unsure, ask a rebinder before you act.

Lee Leather Co., Corryton, Tennessee — Bibles made by hand.