

## Russell Moccasin Sole

There is no one perfect boot or shoe for all applications...just as there is no one perfect sole perfectly suited for every type of activity. The sole of your boot is literally where the rubber meets the road so it is important to take into account the performance characteristics of the soles you order.

Each of the soles offered on Russell Moccasin footwear was carefully selected to provide you with the performance characteristics you are looking for. Each sole has unique characteristics, maximum traction or lightweight or super quiet, etc. This guide is meant to help you select the ideal sole for your activity.

Some soles are “sticky” making them perfect for slippery/icy conditions while others are lightweight and bouncy, ideally suiting them for everyday/casual wear when you spend long hours on your feet. Others are super quiet for stalking. Some are thin providing you excellent feedback from the ground while others are very aggressive for tough terrain.

While there are any number of soles that will “work” to a certain degree for the activity you chose to pursue, the Russell Pro-Staff has its obvious favorite soles based upon years of experience spanning the most rugged mountains of North America and New Zealand to the worst, crotch-busting bird cover of South Dakota to safaris across numerous African countries...from wet to dry...from rolling hills to deep sand...from rock-strewn Southwestern flatlands to knee-high snow and icy conditions of the North Country. We offer our recommendations below based upon experience and local conditions.

Case in point: The relatively new, Vibram Newporter sole, is a Pro-Staff favorite. It is quiet, lightweight, long wearing, incredibly slip resistant, flat bottomed, sticks to ice like glue, provides excellent feedback to the ground, yet is a wonderful everyday/casual sole. But it is NOT a panacea! The one place it lacks perfection is on steep, rocky terrain when you really need a good “bite” on the side of the mountain. The Newporter is a fantastic sole! No question! But if you are heading for the Rocky Mountains, we would heartily recommend the Idaho Air Bob Sole or Vibram Montagna, as these truly aggressive soles provide a virtual anchor on steep and difficult terrain. (And to be perfectly honest...unless you are hunting sheep on vicious ice-fractured granite...our Pro-Staff would opt of the Idaho Air Bob sole every time). Every sole Russell offers has its place. If you are in doubt, call or email us, tell us where you will be hunting, walking or standing, and we can pretty much direct you on the proper path.

Considerations		Applications/Reommended				
		Bird Hunting	Mountain Hunting	Safari Hunting	Everyday/ Casual	Hiking Walking
<b>Quiet</b>						
	Newporter	X	X	X	X	X
	Vibram Grip Rock			X		
	Plantation Crepe Gum Rubber Wedge			X	X	X
	Vibram Air-Bob	X	X	X	X	X
	Standard Crepe	X		X	X	X
	2060 Vibram				X	X
	Line-Lite				X	X
	Vibram Dress				X	X
<b>Lightweight</b>						
	Vibram Olympic	X			X	X
	Aspen Gumlite	X		X	X	X
	2060 Vibram	X			X	X
	Line-Lite				X	X
	Vibram Multi Purpose	X		X	X	X
	Vibram Dress	X			X	X
	Newporter	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Normal Traction (* limited traction)</b>						
	Newporter	X	X	X	X	X
	Aspen Gumlite	X		X	X	X
	430 Vibram	X			X	X
	Christy Wedge	X			X	X
	Vibram Multi Purpose	X		X	X	X
	Mariner Boat Sole				X	X
	Vibram Olympic	X			X	X
	Vibram Dress *				X	X
	Standard Crepe *	X		X	X	X
	Silvato	X		X	X	X
	4007 Neoprene Cushion Crepe	X		X	X	X
	Vibram Mini-Lug	X			X	X
	2060 Vibram *	X			X	X
	Line-Lite *				X	X
<b>Maximum Traction</b>						
	Idaho Air Bob	X	X			X
	Montagna 3/8" lug	X	X			X
	Kletterlift	X	X			X
	Vibram Air Bob	X	X	X	X	X
	Vibram Sierra	X	X			X
	Vibram Olympia	X	X			X
<b>Long Wearing</b>						
	Idaho Air Bob	X	X			X
	Newporter	X	X	X	X	X
	Montagna 3/8" lug	X	X			X
	Kletterlift	X	X			X
	Vibram Air Bob	X	X	X	X	X
	Vibram Sierra	X	X			X
	Vibram Olympia	X	X		X	X
	4007 Neopren x	X		X	X	X
	430 Vibram	X			X	X
<b>Slip Resistant</b>						
	Newporter	X	X	X	X	X
	430 Vibram	X			X	X
	Mariner Boat Sole				X	X
	Vibram Air Bob	X	X	X	X	X
	Vibram Mini-Lug	X			X	X
<b>Wedge type (flat, no pronounced heel)</b>						
	Vibram Sierra	X	X		X	X
	Newporter	X	X	X	X	X
	Christy Wedge	X			X	X
	Plantation Cre x	X		X	X	X
	Vibram Multi Purpose	X		X	X	X
<b>Oil Resistant</b>						
	430 Vibram	X			X	X
	4007 Neoprene Cushion Crepe	X		X	X	X
<b>Cold/Snow/ice</b>						
	Newporter	X	X	X	X	X
	Vibram Air Bob	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Stalking/Good Ground Feel</b>						
	Vibram Grip Rock			X		
	Newporter	X	X	X	X	X