

TASMANIA AUSTRALIA 1870

Tough by nature.

DSTONE BLUE Stylish Serviceable Durable

Back in the 1870s a couple of cobblers started up shoe businesses in Hobart, Tasmania, the smallest island state of Australia. A few years on, one of the cobblers bought out the other, but decided to keep the name for the business. That name was Blundstone.

Today the same family owns this same iconic business.

Blundstone's Tasmanian history, heritage and people have helped shape the way our boots have evolved.

It is no accident that these boots were made to be tough on the outside but soft on the inside. They were developed this way over the last one hundred and forty years in response to the Tasmanian and Australian environment.

It's the brand's DNA, we are *Tough by nature*.

Blundstone make lots of different footwear, but it is our elastic sided slip on boots for which we are most famous.







Blundstone sells great footwear around the globe, currently selling to over 50 countries across five continents.

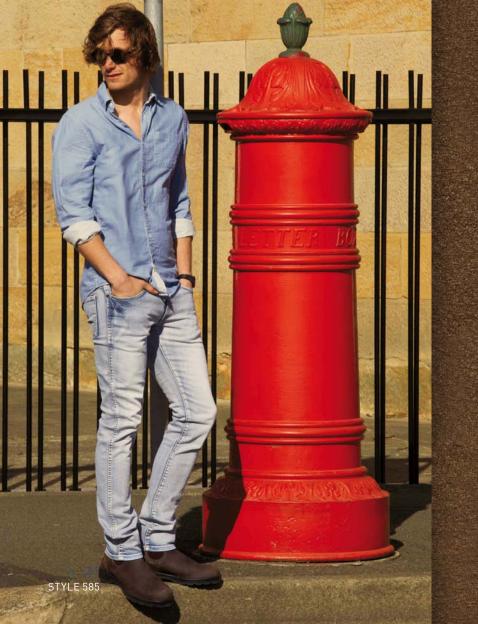




What is it about this simply constructed boot that people all over the world love so much?

People love that the premium leathers offer protection against the elements.







STYLE 1316



People love the classic look, the incongruous mix of industrial utility with colourful leathers and elastics.

In Australia, we love how easy it is to kick them off at the end of the day.

**STYLE 1306** 



# What makes the boots comfortable?

#### The answer is lots of things,

- The use of Blundstone's custom lasts in the design. A *last* is a mechanical form that has a shape similar to that of a human foot. Of course all feet are not shaped the same, just as all footwear lasts are not shaped the same. Blundstone have several lasts which have been used to make our footwear for a very long time. The different lasts mean that different styles do have slightly different fits. For instance our dress boot last has a slightly broader fit across the vamp of the foot than our 550 last.
- The lack of seams pressing onto the foot. The designs in this range incorporate large pieces of leather cut and shaped to the foot, with a minimal use of stitching and seaming, particularly around the sensitive toe area.
- Our custom underfoot comfort system, known as SPS Max which incorporates the revolutionary material – PORON<sup>®</sup> XRD<sup>™</sup>. We are one of the first footwear manufacturers to use PORON<sup>®</sup> XRD<sup>™</sup> underfoot, providing a superior level of impact and shock absorption and underfoot comfort.

### What is PORON<sup>®</sup> XRD<sup>™</sup>?

It is a revolutionary impact absorption material which absorbs and instantly dissipates up to 90% of energy when impacted at high strain rates, time after time, providing superior impact absorption performance when compared to similar products tested.

#### How is the material used?

PORON<sup>®</sup> XRD<sup>™</sup> is lightweight and low profile allowing Blundstone to create a range of footwear with outstanding underfoot impact absorption, that retains 'like-new' softness, flexibility and cushioning.

#### How does it improve comfort?

PORON<sup>®</sup> XRD<sup>™</sup> cushioning materials distribute pressure evenly across the foot, which may relieve aches, pains or even calluses and blisters.





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The Blundstone boots we produce today are just as tough as they've always been, but they're a lot more comfortable too.



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