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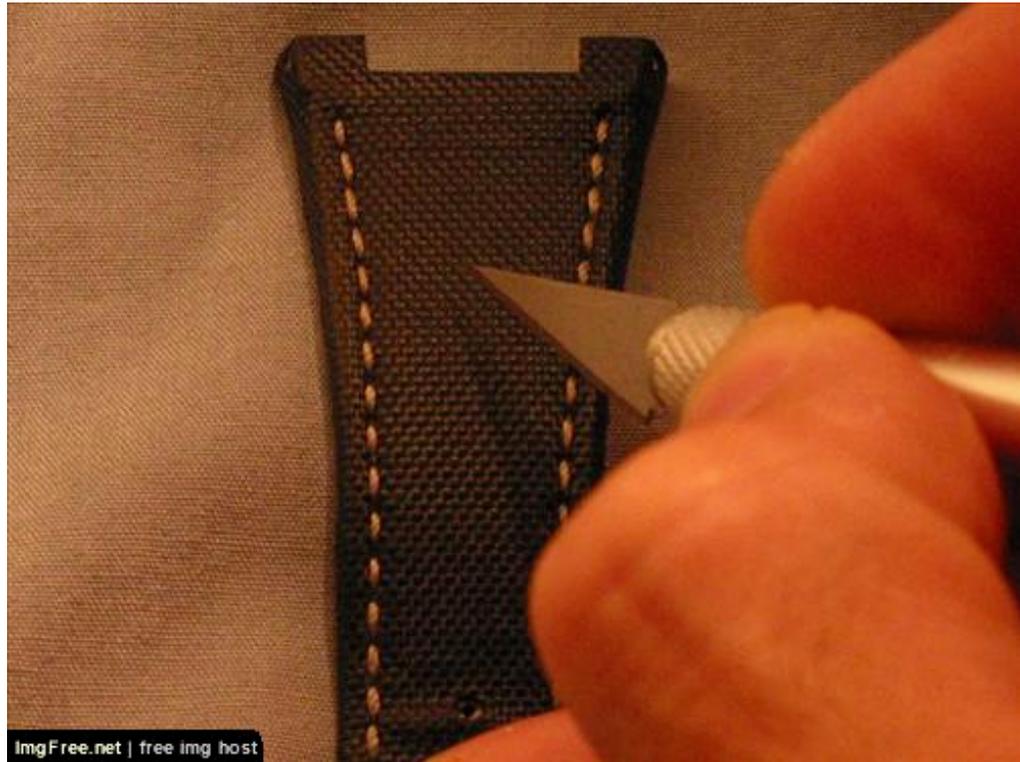
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<p><b><a href="#">steelheadangler</a></b></p> <p>Posts: 341 Registered: January 2004</p>	<p><b>AMG Ingenieur soft strap autopsy (long)</b> <span style="float: right;">📅 Sep 23, 2006 - 10:08 PM ▼</span></p> <p>I recently traded another Tzer for an IWC Ingenieur on a soft strap. I have no idea what the history of the strap was but it smelled like a hockey locker room. I suspect it got submerged somewhere along the way. I tried the usual stuff, clean it with peroxide, freeze it, let it sit in the sun etc. Nothing worked so a new strap is on the way. In any event I wanted to know what exactly this strap was made of. It is time for a dissection.</p> <p>These images are not for the faint of heart. Here we go!</p> <p>First the specimen is identified. It is the IWC AMG soft strap..</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p><a href="#">Ready for incision, scalpel please...</a></p>
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A small flap is raised revealing a top layer of woven material and a composite material which seems like cork underneath



The flap is extended...



Now the strap in cross-section, top to bottom: Woven cover, cork-like substance, then a black layer which appears to be fibrous mixed w/ an adhesive and the bottom appears to be a very thin layer of black leather...



The lower black layer has been split revealing fibers adhering to the composite cork stuff..



Here we have the layer of adhesive separated from the leather bottom . ...



Finally we have the metal piece which is built into the end of the strap which articulates with the case. This is almost completely covered by the woven Kevlar material in the undissected strap. ...



The verdict: Expensive strap to replace, don't get it wet, I wouldn't wear it swimming because once moisture gets in it can't get out very easily and probably gets trapped in the composite matrix of the strap. That of course will lead to some bad funk, not the kind they played in 70's discos.

Have a great weekend! ( I know I will because the Raiders won't lose again this week)

Scott

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