

BLIZZARD SHOE RE - DESIGN

a method of remaking a pair of converse style shoes into blizzard safe rubber coated urban survival boots.

a >SELF_PASSAGE< method

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1. get a pair of converse style shoes, at least with the sole still OK.



2. get two old bicycle inner tubes, super glue (cyanoacrylate/japanese), scissors, knife, tape.



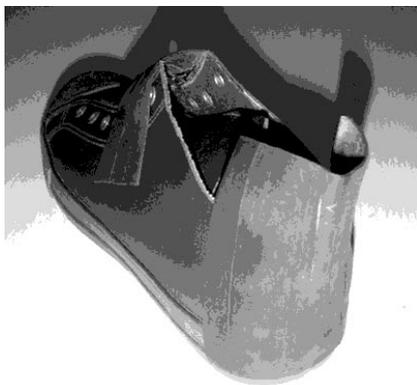
3. cut off upper part (they shouldn't be too stiff or high).



4. cut 20 long part of tube, split into two.



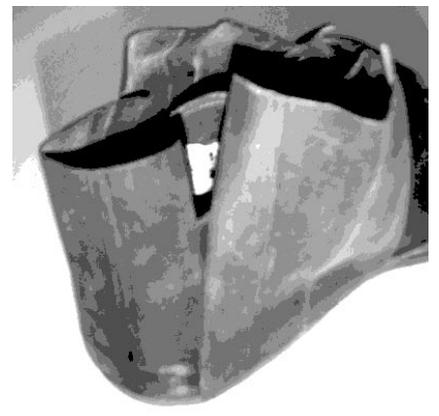
5. glue over top part, replacing the lacing, try out so it gives nice fit to your foot.



6. cut 10 cm tube, cut up one side - glue on backside. start gluing on the sole side. work your way outwards, stretch the tube a little.



7. make a new and patch beside the other on the side. start at sole, overlap other patch with 5-10 mm.



8. same thing on other side.



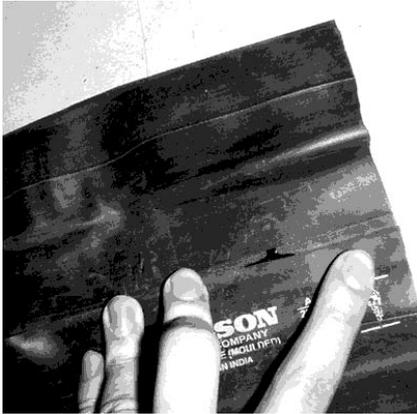
9. make a new similar patch, cut diagonally and glue in same way.



10. looking something like this. watertight patches along edges with glue.



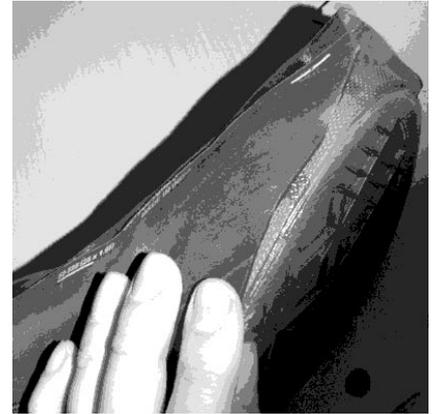
11. repeat on other side.



12. cut two 30cm long pieces, cut up on one side, glue them together into one big piece, overlapping 5-10mm.



13. this piece shall cover the whole upper side of the shoe, start gluing on the topside of the front.



14. tighten down on sides, work in small steps. stretch over old shoe's surface.



15. cut up slits in front to patch.



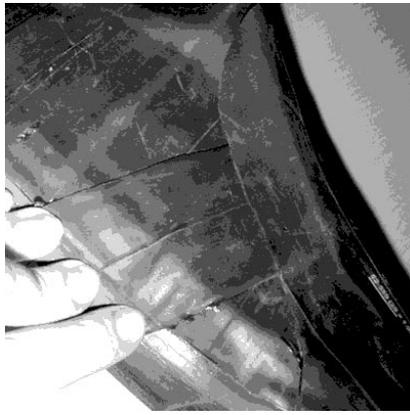
16. tighten up over front in small steps, let the different parts lock over each other.



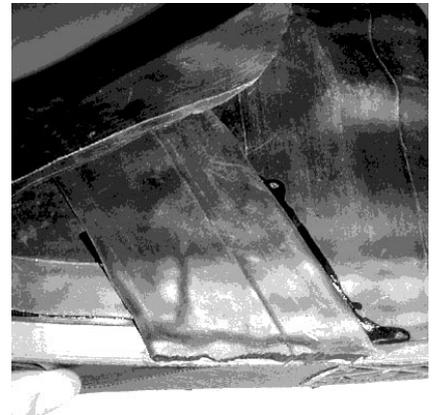
17. cut the upper piece into a more soft and rounded shape.



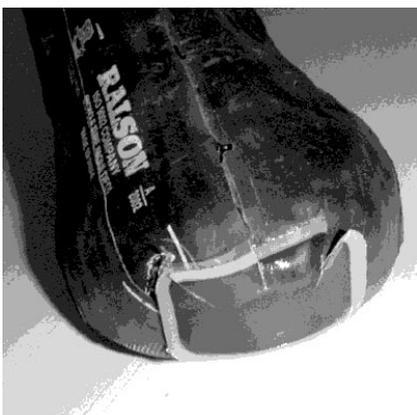
18. tighten sides with glue.



19. make a new strap over the top of the foot, but place it under the top piece.



20. cut away surplus material just along the bottom side of sole.



21. glue a tube patch over front junction, cut up sides to fit tightly.



22. yes, finished shoe could look like this. now repeat on the other shoe.



ready to fight any blizzard. now: - get out there!