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Here's my experience...should it help.

I fish 100+ days a yr and am hard on boots. I love hiking into wild brookie streams and wear my boots in. I've owned.....

Weinbrenner....their top line model; well made, leather upper, high lacing (took time to lace and unlace; solid last; uppers eventually tore/cracked. Have owned two pair...probably not again

Korkers....have owned two models. Eventually, walking on them resulted in the wearing through the threads that attach the bottom to the heel strip that attaches (via velcro) to the upper. When a sole plate (come with felt and a rubber sole) came out...it was lost. I have had problems with the soles coming out of the bottom of the shoe. When I called Korkers and discussed it, they told me of model improvements...and for a relatively low sum, replaced my old shoes with new ones. And after a while...same old problem.. the bottoms started coming off when wading, or walking, etc. They are comfortable and lightweight, lots of room, and easy to put on or off; but beware your bottom falling off

Patagonia, have a lightweight felt with small studs; love it; best i've tried yet; some leather, lots of ballistic nylon; large rubber rand over toe cap....my choice

anyway..my 2cents

Jim