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You might expect a pair of \$600 Manolo Blahnik slingbacks to last forever — then reality intrudes with a broken heel or a torn strap. Anxious to keep their high-profile, big-spending clientele happy, top labels turn to a handful of New York-based repair gurus to solve all matters of the sole. Here's a look at the best of the shoe doctors.

Modern Leather (2 West 32nd St., #401, New York, 212-947-7770): We had to pry it out of JP Tod's for you, but they finally sang. Modern Leather is a full-service leather-goods repair center that is the ultimate in restoration, re-creation and cleaning. At least Sarah Jessica Parker, Yoko Ono and the Ringling Bros. think so. Slingback adjustment: Not applicable, but a thorough cleaning runs around \$40. — **C.B.**

