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# Leather — Tests for colour fastness — Colour fastness to cycles of to-and-fro rubbing

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the behaviour of the surface of a leather on rubbing with a wool felt.

It is applicable to leathers of all kinds.

## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 105-A01, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A01: General principles of testing*

ISO 105-A02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour*

ISO 105-A03, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A03: Grey scale for assessing staining*

ISO 105-A04, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A04: Method for the instrumental assessment of the degree of staining of adjacent fabrics*

ISO 105-A05, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A05: Instrumental assessment of change in colour for determination of grey scale rating*

ISO 2418, *Leather — Chemical, physical and mechanical and fastness tests — Sampling location*

ISO 2419, *Leather — Physical and mechanical tests — Sample preparation and conditioning*

ISO 3696:1987, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 4045, *Leather — Chemical tests — Determination of pH*

ISO 9073-2, *Textiles — Test methods for nonwovens — Part 2: Determination of thickness*

ISO 11641, *Leather — Tests for colour fastness — Colour fastness to perspiration*

## 3 Principle

One side of the leather specimen is rubbed with pieces of reference wool felt under a given pressure for a given number of forward and backward motions.

The degree of colour staining of the wool felt and the change in colour of the leather are assessed with grey scales. Any other visible change in, or damage to, the surface of the leather is also reported.