
**Leather — Physical and mechanical
tests — Determination of tear load —**

**Part 2:
Double edge tear**

*Cuir — Essais physiques et mécaniques — Détermination de la force
de déchirement —*

Partie 2: Déchirement des deux bords

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Foreword

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ISO 3377-2 was prepared by the Physical Test Commission of the International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies (IUP Commission, IULTCS) in collaboration with the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) Technical Committee CEN/TC 289, *Leather*, the secretariat of which is held by UNI, in accordance with the Agreement on technical cooperation between ISO and CEN (Vienna Agreement).

It is based on IUP 8 originally published in *J. Soc. Leather Trades Chemists* **44**, p. 368, (1960) and declared an official method of the IULTCS in 1961. This updated version was published in *J. Soc. Leather Tech. Chem.* **84**, p. 327, (2000) and reconfirmed as an official method in March 2001. The same principle is used but the text has been updated and includes the number of test pieces to be taken.

IULTCS, originally formed in 1897, is a world-wide organization of professional leather societies to further the advancement of leather science and technology. IULTCS has three Commissions, which are responsible for establishing international methods for the sampling and testing of leather. ISO recognizes IULTCS as an international standardizing body for the preparation of test methods for leather.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 3377-2:2002), of which it constitutes a minor revision to align item f) of Clause 7 with ISO 2419:2012.

ISO 3377 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Leather — Physical and mechanical tests — Determination of tear load*:

- *Part 1: Single edge tear*
- *Part 2: Double edge tear*

Leather — Physical and mechanical tests — Determination of tear load —

Part 2: Double edge tear

1 Scope

This part of ISO 3377 specifies a method for determining the tear strength of leather using a double edged tear. The method is sometimes described as the Baumann tear. It is applicable to all types of leather.

2 Normative references

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

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

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

ISO 2589, *Leather — Physical and mechanical tests — Determination of thickness*

ISO 7500-1, *Metallic materials — Verification of static uniaxial testing machines — Part 1: Tension/compression testing machines – Verification and calibration of the force-measuring system*

3 Principle

A rectangular test piece with a hole of specified shape is placed over the turned up ends of a pair of holders attached to the jaws of a tensile testing machine. The highest force exerted during tearing of the test piece is recorded.

4 Apparatus

4.1 Tensile testing machine, with:

- a force range appropriate to the specimen under test;
- a means of recording the force to an accuracy of at least 2 % as specified by Class 2 of ISO 7500-1;
- a uniform speed of separation of the jaws of 100 mm/min \pm 20 mm/min.

4.2 Test piece holders, such as shown in [Figure 1](#), each consisting of a strip of steel 10 mm \pm 0,1 mm wide and 2 mm \pm 0,1 mm thick, bent through a right angle at one end to form a rigid strip with a minimum length of 12 mm \pm 0,1 mm. The holders either fit into or replace the jaws of the tensile testing machine ([4.1](#)).

4.3 Thickness gauge, as specified in ISO 2589.

4.4 Press knife, as specified in ISO 2419, capable of cutting a test piece as shown in [Figure 2](#) in one operation. All parts of the press knife shall lie in the same plane.