

**Leather - Physical and mechanical tests - Determination  
of surface coating thickness (ISO 17186:2011)**

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## Foreword

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# Leather — Physical and mechanical tests — Determination of surface coating thickness

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a method for determining the thickness of the surface coating applied to leather when measured under zero compression. It is applicable to all types of leather.

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

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

## 3 Principle

A section of leather is taken perpendicular to the coated surface. The thickness of the surface coating is measured using a microscope and expressed both as a thickness and as a percentage of the total thickness.

## 4 Apparatus

**4.1 Light microscope or scanning electron microscope**, which can be operated with an object-field size of 1 mm × 1 mm, or lower, and is

- fitted with a camera-image unit connected to a computer (resolution of at least 500 × 500 pixels), or
- fitted with a photographic unit, or
- equipped with an eyepiece with a graduated scale (at least 100 scale marks).

NOTE 100 scale marks correspond to a scaling of 10 µm in the object-field dimension for an object-field size of 1 mm × 1 mm.

For measurement of coating thicknesses of less than 50 µm, an object-field size of 0,4 mm × 0,4 mm or lower has to be used. For measurement of values of less than 15 µm, a scanning electron microscope with a suitable object-field dimension should be used.

**4.2 Razor blade.**

**4.3 Grid or similar calibration device**, reading to at least 10 µm and suitable for use in the light microscope or scanning electron microscope.

**4.4 Coating unit**, using sputter or evaporation, including a suitable element or alloy (e.g. gold) for coating, if a scanning electron microscope is used.

**4.5 Specimen stubs**, suitable for a scanning electron microscope.