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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 3379:1976), which has been technically revised.

# Leather — Determination of distension and strength of surface (Ball burst method)

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a test method for the determination of distension and strength of the leather grain or finished surface. This method is applicable to all flexible leathers and it is particularly suitable to determine the lastability of leathers for footwear uppers.

## 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*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### **wearing surface**

exposed or visible face of the leather when used in its intended application

Note 1 to entry: The wearing surface is usually the grain side of leather, however, the wearing surface of some leathers may be otherwise dressed or finished, e.g. patent leather.

### 3.2

#### **reverse side**

opposite side to the wearing surface

Note 1 to entry: The reverse side is usually the flesh side of leather.

### 3.3

#### **cracking**

small surface splits or tears less than approximately 0,5 mm

### 3.4

#### **bursting**

complete rupture of the full thickness of the test piece

## 4 Principle

A circular test piece is clamped around its edge and is gradually distended by forcing a steel metal ball, attached to the end of a plunger, against the centre of the test piece on the reverse side. At certain distension, measured in terms of distance travelled by the plunger, cracks appear on the wearing surface of the test piece or it sustains other permanent physical damage; this distension is recorded as the cracking point or first damage. At a higher distension, the material usually bursts and this distension may also be recorded.