



The IULTCS official methods of analysis for leather

The IULTCS, through the IULTCS Testing Commissions (IUC, IUF and IUP), provides help and protection for the leather tanning industry worldwide by developing and publishing test methods that are explicitly relevant to leather manufacture and leather usage. Without the work of the IU Commissions, which develop these test methods, the leather industry could be open to having to meet performance standards of other materials that bear no relationship to the reality of working with leather.

The IULTCS test methods are accepted by the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO), and following agreements in 1990 and re-affirmed in 2005, the ISO recognises IULTCS as an International Standardising Body. ISO has assigned the responsibility for the establishment of test methods for leather to IULTCS and the resultant test method documents are published as a joint IULTCS and ISO Standards. Since 1990 many of the IU methods have become joint IULTCS and ISO Standards. **From 2005 it was agreed that ISO will be responsible for publishing all new joint IULTCS and ISO Standards.** Member countries of ISO very often use the ISO Standards to establish their own National Standards.

Further, the European Committee for Standardisation (Comité Européen de Normalisation - CEN) has through the CEN/TC 289 Technical Committee "Leather" (Secretariat: UNI Italy) jointly adopted many of the IU / ISO Standards. Once formally accepted the EN Standards are mandatory in all EU member countries.

The IU Commissions and the CEN TC 289 Working Groups hold their technical meetings together to co-ordinate the development of leather test methods. Consequently, this combined work of the IU Commissions, CEN TC 289 and ISO allows the development of leather test methods that are adopted as joint International (ISO), European (EN) and IULTCS Standards.



IULTCS Test methods up to 2005

Sets of the Official IULTCS and SLTC Methods up to 2005 were published by the Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists (SLTC). They are available in a loose-leaf, durable ring binder, which can be purchased online at:

www.sltc.org/shop-publications.htm

(Website: Society of Leather Technologists and Chemists (SLTC), U.K.)

SLTC e-mail: office@sltc.org

IULTCS Test methods since 2005

Since 2005 the IULTCS / ISO joint test methods are published only by ISO. The joint ISO / IULTCS Standards are available as the ISO Standard from your local country Standards Organisation or online from the ISO website: www.iso.org

If you have any questions or comments relating to leather test methods, please contact either the IULTCS Secretary or the respective Chairman of the IUC, IUF or IUP Commissions (see www.iultcs.org for their details).

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Set out below is a complete list of the IULTCS official methods together with the reference numbers for the equivalent ISO Standards and European Norm (EN) methods.

Standards with numbers that include DIS (Draft International Standard) or FDIS (Final Draft International Standard) are still in preparation. They can be obtained from Standards Associations but are not yet officially approved Standards.
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The IULTCS official methods of analysis for leather, including the equivalent ISO and EN Standards

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IULTCS - CHEMICAL TEST METHODS

IUC Test method Method name ISO Standard EN Standard

IUC 1 (1965) General comments - -

IUC 2 (2002) Sampling location (same as IUP 2)

ISO 2418:2002 EN ISO 2418

IUC 3 (2017) Preparation of chemical test samples

ISO 4044:2017 EN ISO 4044

IUC 4 (2008) Determination of matter soluble in dichloromethane and free fatty acid content

ISO 4048:2008 EN ISO 4048

IUC 5 (2005) Determination of volatile matter

ISO 4684:2005 EN ISO 4684

****IUC 6** (2006) Determination of water soluble matter, water soluble inorganic matter and water soluble organic matter

****ISO 4098:2006 EN ISO 4098**

IUC 7 (1977) Determination of sulphated total ash and sulphated water insoluble ash

ISO 4047:1977 EN ISO 4047

IUC 8-1 (2007) Determination of chromic oxide content Part 1: Quantification by titration

ISO 5398-1:2007 EN ISO 5398-1

IUC 8-2 (2009) Determination of chromic oxide content Part 2: Quantification by colorimetric determination

ISO 5398-2:2009 EN ISO 5398-2

IUC 8-3 (2007) Determination of chromic oxide content Part 3: Quantification by atomic absorption spectrometry

ISO 5398-3:2007 EN ISO 5398-3

IUC 8-4 (2007) Determination of chromic oxide content Part 4: Quantification by inductively coupled plasma (ICP-OES)

ISO 5398-4:2007 EN ISO 5398-4

IUC 9 (1984) Determination of water soluble magnesium salts **ISO 5399:1984 EN ISO 5399**

IUC 10 (1984) Determination of nitrogen and hide substance **ISO 5397:1984 -**

IUC 11 (2008) Determination of pH and difference figure **ISO 4045:2008 EN ISO 4045**

IUC 13 (1975) Determination of zirconium - -

IUC 15 (1973) Determination of phosphorus - -

IUC 16 (1969) Determination of aluminium - -

IUC 17 (1980) Determination of hydroxyproline in materials containing collagen

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IUC 18-1 (2017) Determination of hexavalent chromium content – Part 1; Colorimetric method

ISO 17075-1:2017 EN ISO 17075-1

IUC 18-2 (2017) Determination of hexavalent chromium content – Part 2; Ion chromatographic method

ISO 17075-2:2017 EN ISO 17075-2

IUC 18-3 (draft in preparation)

Determination of hexavalent chromium content – Part 3; Pre-ageing for chemical determination of hexavalent chromium

ISO/DIS 17075-2 (draft DIS in preparation)

prEN ISO/DIS 17075-2 (draft DIS in preparation)

IUC 19-1 (2008) Determination of formaldehyde content in leather Part 1: Quantification by HPLC



ISO 17226-1:2008 EN ISO 17226-1

IUC 19-2 (2008) Determination of formaldehyde content in leather

Part 2: Quantification by colorimetric analysis

ISO 17226-2:2008 EN ISO 17226-2

IUC 19-3 (2011) Determination of formaldehyde content in leather

Part 3: Formaldehyde emissions from leather

ISO 17226-3:2011 EN ISO 17226-3

IUC 20-1 (2015) Chemical tests for the determination of certain azo colorants in dyed leathers

Part 1: Determination of certain aromatic amines derived from azo colorants

ISO 17234-1:2015 EN ISO 17234-1

IUC 20-2 (2011) Chemical tests for the determination of certain azo colorants in dyed leathers

Part 2: Determination of 4-aminoazobenzene derived from azo colorants

ISO 17234-2:2011 EN ISO 17234-2

IUC 21 (2003) Method for the detection of certain azo colourants in dyestuff mixtures.

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IUC 22 (2003) Determination of aluminium oxide content of aluminium

tanning agents

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IUC 24 (2003) Determination of basicity of aluminium tanning agents. --

IUC 25 (2015) Determination of tetrachlorophenol-, trichlorophenol-, dichlorophenol-, monochlorophenol-isomers and pentachlorophenol content

ISO 17070:2015 EN ISO FDIS 17070

IUC 26 (2009) Determination of free-formaldehyde content in leather processing chemicals

ISO 27587:2009 EN ISO 27587

IUC 27-1 (2011) Chemical determination of metal content.

– Part 1: Extractable metals

ISO 17072-1:2011 EN ISO 17072-1

IUC 27-2 (2011) Chemical determination of metal content.

– Part 2: Total metal content

ISO 17072-2:2011 EN ISO 17072-2

IUC 28-1 (2015) Determination of ethoxylated alkylphenols in leather Part 1: Direct method

ISO 18218-1:2015 EN ISO 18218-1

IUC 28-2 (2015) Determination of ethoxylated alkylphenols in leather

Part 2: Indirect method

ISO 18218-2:2015 EN ISO 18218-2

IUC 29 (2011) Determination of preservative content (TCMTB-OPPCM-K-OIT) in leather

ISO 13365:2011 EN ISO 13365

IUC 30 (2015) Determination of chlorinated hydrocarbons in leather -method for short-chain chlorinated paraffins (SCCP)

ISO 18219:2015 EN ISO 18219

- Determination of organo-tin compounds in leather by GC/MS method

(Project transferred to ISO/TC 216 Footwear)

ISO/TS 16179:2012

(Footwear method)

CEN ISO/TS 16179

IUC 32 (2012) Quantitative analysis of tanning agents by filter method **ISO 14088:2012 EN ISO 14088**

IUC 33 (2013) Leather - Determination of tan content of synthetic tanning agents

ISO 17489:2013 EN ISO 17489

IUC 34 (2016) Leather - Determination of N-methylpyrrolidone in leather

ISO 19070:2016 EN ISO 19070

IUC 35 (2016) Leather - Determination of Cr(VI) and its reductive potential in leather chemicals

ISO 19071:2016 EN ISO 19071

IUC 36 (2017) Leather - Guidelines for testing critical chemicals in leather

ISO 20137:2017 EN ISO 20137

IUC 37 (2017) Leather - Determination of degradability by microorganisms

ISO 20136:2017 EN ISO 20136

IUC 38 - - -

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IULTCS – PHYSICAL TEST METHODS

IUP Test method Method name ISO Standard EN Standard IUP 1 & IUP 3

(2012)

Sample preparation and conditioning **ISO 2419:2012 EN ISO 2419**

IUP 2 (2017) Sampling location (same as IUC 2) **ISO 2418:2017 EN ISO 2418**

IUP 4 (2016) Measurement of thickness **ISO 2589:2016 EN ISO 2589**

IUP 5 (2017) Measurement of apparent density **ISO 2420:2017 EN ISO 2420**

IUP 6 (2011) Measurement of tensile strength and percentage elongation

ISO 3376:2011 EN ISO 3376

IUP 7 (2016) Measurement of static absorption of water **ISO 2417:2016 EN ISO 2417**

IUP 8 (2016) Measurement of tear load – Double edge tear **ISO 3377-2:2016 EN ISO 3377-2**

IUP 9 (2015) Measurement of distension and strength of grain by the ball burst test

ISO 3379:2015 EN ISO 3379

IUP 10-1 (2011) Water resistance of flexible leather. Part 1: Linear

compression method (Penetrometer)

ISO 5403-1:2011 EN ISO 5403-1



- IUP 10-2** (2011) Water resistance of flexible leather. Part 2: Angular compression method (Maeser)
ISO 5403-2:2011 EN ISO 5403-2
- IUP 11** (2011) Measurement of water resistance of heavy leather **ISO 5404:2011 EN ISO 5404**
- IUP 12** (2002) Measurement of resistance to grain cracking and the grain crack index
ISO 3378:2002 EN ISO 3378
- IUP 13** (1961) Measurement of two dimensional extension - -
- IUP 14** (1960) Measurement of waterproofness of gloving leathers - -
- IUP 15** (2012) Measurement of water vapour permeability
ISO 14268:2012 EN ISO 14268
- IUP 16** (2015) Measurement of shrinkage temperature up to 100 °C **ISO 3380:2015 EN ISO 3380**
- IUP 17** (1966) Assessment of the resistance of air dry insole leathers to heat
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- IUP 18** (1969) Resistance of air dry lining leathers to heat
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- IUP 19** (1969) Resistance of air dry upper leather to heat
- -
- IUP 20** (2017) Determination of flex resistance. Part 1: Flexometer method
ISO 5402-1:2017 EN ISO 5402-1
- IUP 21** (1963) Measurement of set in lasting - -
- IUP 22** (1963) Assessment of scuff damage by use of the viewing box - -
- IUP 23** (1963) Measurement of scuff damage - -
- IUP 24** (1964) Measurement of surface shrinkage by immersion in boiling water
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- IUP 26** (1993) Measurement of resistance to abrasion of heavy leather - -
- IUP 28** (1969) Measurement of the resistance to bending of heavy leather
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- IUP 29** (2017) Measurement of cold crack temperature of surface coatings
ISO 17233:2017 EN ISO 17233
- IUP 30** (1983) Measurement of water vapour absorption and desorption
(See IUP 42)
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- IUP 32** (2014) Measurement of area **ISO 11646:2014 EN ISO 11646**
- IUP 35** (2002) Determination of the dimensional stability of leather (Old title: Measurement of dry heat resistance of leather)
ISO 17227:2002 EN ISO 17227
- IUP 36** (2015) Measurement of leather softness
ISO 17235:2015 EN ISO 17235
- IUP 37** (2006) Measurement of water repellency of garment leather **ISO 17231:2006 EN ISO 17231**
- IUP 38** (2017) Measurement of heat resistance of patent leather **ISO 17232:2017 EN ISO 17232**
- IUP 39** (2015) Determination of flex resistance. Part 2: Vamp flex method
ISO 5402-2:2015
(former ISO 22288)
EN ISO 5402-2
- IUP 40** (2011) Measurement of tear load – Single edge tear **ISO 3377-1:2011 EN ISO 3377-1**
- IUP 41** (2011) Measurement of surface coating thickness
ISO 17186:2011 EN ISO 17186
- IUP 42** (2016) Measurement of water vapour absorption
ISO 17229:2016 EN ISO 17229
- IUP 43** (2016) Measurement of extension set **ISO 17236:2016 EN ISO 17236**
- IUP 44** (2017) Measurement of stitch tear resistance **ISO 23910:2017 EN ISO 23910**
- IUP 45** (2006) Measurement of water penetration pressure **ISO 17230:2006 EN ISO 17230**
- IUP 46** (2006) Measurement of fogging characteristics
ISO 17071:2006 EN ISO 17071
- IUP 47** (2006) Measurement of resistance to horizontal spread of flame **ISO 17074:2006 EN ISO 17074**
- IUP 48-1** (2011) Measurement of abrasion resistance. Part 1: Taber method
ISO 17076-1:2011 EN ISO 17076-1
- IUP 48-2** (2011) Measurement of abrasion resistance. Part 2: Martindale ball plate method
ISO 17076-2:2011 EN ISO 17076-2
- IUP 49**
(Draft: 2002)
Measurement of bagginess - **CEN/TS 14689:2006**
- IUP 50** Free (original document changed to IUP 53-2) - -
- IUP 51**
(Draft: 2002)
Measurement of Surface Friction - -
- IUP 52**
(Draft: 2002)
Measurement of Compressibility - -
- IUP 53-1** (2012) Determination of soiling. Part 1: Martindale method **ISO 26082-1:2012 EN ISO 26082-1**
- IUP 53-2** (2012)
(former IUP 50)
Determination of soiling. Part 2: Tumbling method
ISO 26082-2:2012 EN ISO 26082-2
- IUP 54** (2011) Determination of flexural properties
ISO 14087:2011 EN ISO 14087
- IUP 55** (2013) Determination of dimensional change **ISO 17130:2013 EN ISO 17130**
- IUP 56** (2012) Identification of leather with microscopy
ISO 17131:2012 EN ISO 17131
- IUP 57** (2015) Determination of water absorption by capillary action (wicking)
ISO 19074:2015 EN ISO 19074
- IUP 58** (2016) Measurement of leather surface – Using electronic techniques
ISO 19076:2016 EN ISO 19076
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IULTCS – FASTNESS TEST METHODS

IUF Test method Method name ISO Standard EN Standard

IUF 105 (1966) Numbering code for fastness tests - -

IUF 110 (2014) Leather – Sampling – Number of items for a gross sample **ISO 2588:2014 EN ISO 2588**

IUF 120 (1966) General principles of colour fastness testing of leather *****ISO 105-A01:2010** *****EN ISO 105-A01**

IUF 131 (1966) Grey scale for assessing change in colour *****ISO 105-A02:1993**

(incl. later amendment)

*****EN ISO 105-A02**

IUF 132 (1966) Grey scale for assessing staining *****ISO 105-A03:1993**

(incl. later amendment)

*****EN ISO 105-A03**

IUF 151 (1975) Preparation of storable standard chrome grain leather for dyeing

- -

IUF 201 (1966) Approximate determination of the solubility of leather dyes - -

IUF 202 (1966) Fastness to acid of dye solutions - -

IUF 203 (1966) Stability to acid of dye solutions - -

IUF 205 (1972) Stability to hardness of dye solutions - -

IUF 401 (1972) Colour fastness of leather to light: Daylight *****ISO 105-B01:2014** *****EN ISO 105-B01**

IUF 402 (1975) Colour fastness of leather to light: Xenon lamp *****ISO 105-B02:2014** *****EN ISO 105-B02**

IUF 412 (2015) Change of colour with accelerated ageing. **ISO 17228:2015 EN ISO 17228**

IUF 420 (1998) Colour fastness to water spotting **ISO 15700:1998 EN ISO 15700**

IUF 421 (2013) Colour fastness to water **ISO 11642:2013 EN ISO 11642**

IUF 423 (1998) Colour fastness to mild washing **ISO 15703:1998 EN ISO 15703**

IUF 426 (2013) Colour fastness to perspiration **ISO 11641:2013 EN ISO 11641**

IUF 427

(Draft at DIS stage)

Colour fastness to saliva **ISO/DIS 20701**

(Draft at DIS stage)

prEN ISO/DIS 20701

(Draft at DIS stage)

IUF 434 (2009) Colour fastness of small samples to solvents **ISO 11643:2009 EN ISO 11643**

IUF 435 (1998) Colour fastness to machine washing **ISO 15702:1998 EN ISO 15702**

IUF 441 (1972) Colour fastness in respect of staining raw crepe rubber - -

IUF 442 (2015) Colour fastness to migration into polymeric materials

(Original title: Colour fastness to migration into PVC)

ISO 15701:2015 EN ISO 15701

IUF 450 (2013) Colour fastness to cycles of to-and-fro rubbing **ISO 11640:2013 EN ISO 11640**

IUF 452 (2012) Colour fastness to crocking **ISO 20433:2012 EN ISO 20433**

IUF 454 (1975) Fastness to buffing of dyed leather - -

IUF 458 (1984) Colour fastness of leather to ironing - -

IUF 470 (2009) Leather – Test for adhesion of finish **ISO 11644:2009 EN ISO 11644**

IUF 472 (2013) Leather – Determination of surface reflection **ISO 17502:2013 EN ISO 17502**

The following textile fastness Standards do not have equivalent IU leather test methods but are recommended for use as the International Standard for leather.

- Instrumental assessment of the degree of staining of adjacent fabrics

ISO 105-A04:1989 EN ISO 105-A04

- Instrumental assessment for change in colour for grey scale **ISO 105-A05:1996 EN ISO 105-A05**

- Colour fastness & ageing to artificial light at high temperatures: Xenon

ISO 105-B06:1998

(incl. later amendment)

EN ISO 105-B06

- Oil repellency – Hydrocarbon resistance test **ISO 14419:2010 EN ISO 14419**

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*** Nearest textile International Standard, recommended for use as the International Standard for leather