
**Leather — Pickled sheep pelts —
Guidelines for grading on the basis of
defect and size**

*Cuir — Peaux de moutons picklées — Lignes directrices pour le
classement sur la base des défauts et de la taille*

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Leather — Pickled sheep pelts — Guidelines for grading on the basis of defect and size

1 Scope

This document provides guidance for grading pickled sheep pelts based on size and defects.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 General

In general, pH requirement of pickled sheep pelts should be ascertained before grading. The pH of the pickled sheep pelt should be $2,0 \pm 0,2$.

For the purpose of the grading system, pickled sheep pelts are graded based on:

- a) defects;
- b) size.

5 Grading on the basis of defects

5.1 Grade I

Pickled sheep pelts of Grade I should have the following qualities:

- a) generally free from defects and damages;
- b) defects and damages not exceeding 10 % of the total area;
- c) free from defects like score marks, warble holes, meat, fat, pox marks, cockles;
- d) fleshy with good quality and fine grain.

Pickled sheep pelts that belong to Grade I but have a thinner skin should be regarded as Grade II.

5.2 Grade II

Pickled sheep pelts of Grade II should have the following qualities:

- a) defects and damages in the range of 11 % to 20 % of the total area;

b) neck and shoulder free from defects and damages.

5.3 Grade III

Pickled sheep pelts of Grade III should have the following qualities:

- a) defects and damages in the range of 21 % to 40 % of the total area;
- b) 75 % of the neck and shoulders free from damages.

5.4 Grade IV

Pickled sheep pelts of Grade IV should have defects and damages in the range of 41 % to 70 % of the total area.

5.5 Grade V

Pickled sheep pelts of Grade V should have defects and damages exceeding 70 % of the total area.

6 Tabular and graphical representation of the classification system

Table 1 summarizes the grades according to the location, concentration, depth and surface area of the defects. An explanation of the code numbers used is given in Table 2.

Table 1 — Classification of grades
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Grade		Defects due to:			
		Diseases, tumours, etc.	Brand marks, paint, etc.	Insects, parasites, etc.	Wounds, holes, cuts, scratches, etc.
1st	Location	1-2	1-2	1-2	1
	Concentration	1	1	1	1
	Depth	1	1	1	1
	Surface area	1	1	1	1-2
2nd	Location	3	3	3	2-3
	Concentration	1	1	1	1
	Depth	1	1	1	1
	Surface area	1	1	1	1-2
3rd	Location	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4
	Concentration	2	2	2	2
	Depth	2	2	2	2
	Surface area	1	1	1	1-2
4th	Location	3-4	3-4	3-4	3-4
	Concentration	2	2	2	2
	Depth	2	2	2	2
	Surface area	1-2	1	1-2	1-2

Table 2 — Explanation of code numbers used in Table 1

	0	1	2	3	4
Location	Nowhere	Periphery	Legs, tail, cheeks	Shoulder, belly	Central part
Concentration	None	Low	Medium	High	
Depth		Superficial	Thorough		
Surface area		Grain	Flesh		

7 Grading on the basis of size

7.1 General

Pickled sheep pelts may be graded on the basis of area with the following classifications.

7.2 Extra large

The area of 12 pickled sheep pelts should be more than 108 ft² (10 m²).

7.3 Large

The area of 12 pickled sheep pelts should be 85 ft² to 108 ft² (7.9 m² to 10 m²).

7.4 Medium

The area of 12 pickled sheep pelts should be 61 ft² to 84 ft² (5.7 m² to 7.8 m²).

7.5 Small

The area of 12 pickled sheep pelts should be 37 ft² to 60 ft² (3.4 m² to 5.6 m²).

7.6 Extra small

The area of 12 pickled sheep pelts should be less than 37 ft² (3.4 m²).

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