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Standard Practice for Sampling Leather for Physical and Chemical Tests¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This practice covers the sampling of finished leather and fabricated leather items for physical and chemical tests. The product is grouped into lots that are randomly sampled in such a manner as to produce a representative sample of the lot. This sample may be used to determine compliance of the lot with applicable specification requirements, and on the basis of results, the lot may be accepted or rejected in its entirety.

1.2 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D1610 Practice for Conditioning Leather and Leather Products for Testing

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:*

3.1.1 *lot (or batch)*—units of products from a single type, grade, class, size, and composition, manufactured under essentially the same conditions and time.

3.1.2 Leather in formed lots should be produced from:

- (1) Units of product of similar size and type.
- (2) Tanning and finishing material obtained from the same producer (functionally equivalent).
- (3) A single product method.
- (4) Sequential production batches.

3.1.3 *unit*—a piece of leather in the form in which it is purchased, such as a single hide, skin, or any part thereof, or a

single fabricated-leather article in the form in which it is purchased, such as a counter, pair of shoes, a gasket, etc.

4. Significance and Use

4.1 The sampling procedures described in this practice have been designed to ensure random sampling of finished leather and fabricated leather items for physical and chemical tests. Leather is a natural product and as such is subject to extensive variability. The physical and chemical properties vary considerably depending on location on the hide, side or skin from which the test sample is taken. Random sampling of specimens from a predefined location and orientation minimizes test bias and variability. This practice defines these parameters.

5. Conditioning

5.1 Physical tests of leather and leather products, unless otherwise specified in the applicable test method, specification, or procurement document, shall be performed under standard atmospheric conditions as described in Practice **D1610**, which is $50 \pm 4\%$ relative humidity at a temperature of $23 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ($73.4 \pm 2^\circ\text{F}$).

6. Procedure

6.1 Prior to sampling, identify the product properly as a lot or batch.

6.2 Select units from locations scattered throughout the lot, not from the same portion of the lot, such as a single carton, layer, etc. Take without regard to quality.

6.2.1 The number of samples taken depends on the reliability of the test results, the deviation of the properties, and the error of the testing procedure. The number of samples taken may be at the discretion of the user and the related test method and should also be recorded on the test report.

6.3 *Location and Size of Cuttings :*

6.3.1 *Skins*—Cut the test piece to the size and shape required for the tests to be made, with one edge parallel to and 1 in. (25.4 mm) from the backbone line, beginning 3 in. (76 mm) from the root of the tail. Pieces shall be cut from only one side of the backbone of each skin. The test area for skins corresponds to area *a* for cattlehides of **Fig. 1**.

6.3.2 *Cattlehides*—The location and size of cutting shall be as follows:

¹ This practice is under the jurisdiction of ASTM Committee **D31** on Leather and is the direct responsibility of Subcommittee **D31.07** on Physical Properties. This practice was developed in cooperation with the American Leather Chemists Assn. (Standard Method J 1 – 1956).

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² For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.