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Standard Test Method for pH of Chrome Tanning Solutions¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the pH of chrome tanning solutions.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are to be regarded as standard. No other units of measurement are included in this standard.

1.3 *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, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 *ASTM Standards:*²

D3898 Test Method for Chromic Oxide in Basic Chromium Tanning Liquors

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions of Terms Specific to This Standard:*

3.1.1 *pH, of a solution*—the negative logarithm of the hydrogen ion activity.

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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. <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/80db6865-f011-4e63-a34f-e2c57c29e4bf/astm-d5356-17a>

3.1.1.1 *Discussion*—

A solution of pH 7 is neutral at 24 °C. Lower numbers indicate increasing acidity, higher numbers indicate increasing alkalinity.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The chrome tanning liquor is diluted to a concentration of 25.0 ± 0.5 g chromic oxide equivalent per litre, allowed to come to equilibrium and the pH is then measured with the appropriate meter.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method is designed to measure the pH of a chrome tanning solution which has been diluted to a specific concentration. This is considered to be a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of the solution.

5.2 This test method is suitable for quality control in the manufacture of leather.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Electronic pH Meter*, either battery or line-operated equipped with appropriate electrodes, with a suitable electrode. The meter shall have a maximum scale division of an accuracy of at least 0.1 pH unit and reproducibility of 0.05 pH unit.

7. Reagents

7.1 *Purity of Reagents*—Reagent grade chemicals shall be used in all tests. Unless otherwise indicated, it is intended that all reagents shall conform to the specifications of the Committee on Analytical Reagents of the American Chemical Society, where