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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 26082-1:2019), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- the method was aligned to the latest versions of ISO 2418, ISO 2419, ISO 7906;
- the precision in [Clause 7](#) and [Clause 8](#) has been increased.

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Leather — Physical and mechanical test methods for the determination of soiling —

Part 1: Rubbing (Martindale) method

1 Scope

This document specifies a method for determining the resistance of all forms of leather to visible soiling through repeated contact with soiled objects. It provides a physical pretreatment routine for leathers that can be vulnerable to loss of soiling resistance while in service, prior to conducting further tests such as cleaning.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 105-A02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour*

ISO 105-F09, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part F09: Specification for cotton rubbing cloth*

ISO 2418, *Leather — Chemical, physical, mechanical and fastness tests — Position and preparation of specimens for testing*

ISO 2419, *Leather — Physical and mechanical tests — Specimen and test piece conditioning*

ISO 7906, *Leather — Tests for colour fastness — General principles of testing*

ISO 11640, *Leather — Tests for colour fastness — Colour fastness to cycles of to-and-fro rubbing*

ISO 12945-2, *Textiles — Determination of fabric propensity to surface pilling, fuzzing or matting — Part 2: Modified Martindale method*

ISO 12947-1, *Textiles — Determination of the abrasion resistance of fabrics by the Martindale method — Part 1: Martindale abrasion testing apparatus*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 soiling

change in colour of a leather test piece caused by rubbing a standard soiled fabric on the coated surface of the leather