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Performance of leathers for garments

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Foreword

This British Standard has been prepared under the direction of the Textile Products and Leather Standards Committee at the request of leather manufacturers.

It specifies performance requirements for suede leathers, grain leathers and wool sheepskins, which are to be made into garments, in order to achieve a satisfactory end product for the consumer.

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This standard has been updated (see copyright date) and may have had amendments incorporated. This will be indicated in the amendment table on the inside front cover.

1 Scope

This British Standard specifies performance requirements for leathers to be used in the manufacture of garments. It is applicable to suede leather, grain leathers (including simulated grain leathers) and wool sheepskins but excludes furs.

NOTE The titles of the publications referred to in this standard are listed on the inside back cover.

2 Definitions

For the purposes of this British Standard, the definitions given in BS 2780 apply, together with the following.

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cold crack temperature

the highest temperature at which the finish of a leather will crack when the leather is folded quickly once, grain outwards

3 Performance

Leathers shall meet the requirements given in Table 1 and Table 2, as appropriate, when tested by the methods specified. For wool sheepskins, both surfaces shall comply with the requirements.

NOTE Table 1 is applicable to all leathers, Table 2 gives additional requirements for grain leathers.

4 Sampling

Samples shall be taken for testing in accordance with method 1 of BS 3144.

5 Marking

Each unit pack containing leathers shall be marked with the following:

- a) the number and date of this British Standard, i.e. BS 6453:1984¹⁾;
- b) the supplier's and/or tanner's name and identification mark, trademark or batch identity;
- c) cleansing instructions in accordance with the recommendations and terminology of BS 2747.

NOTE 1 It is recommended that made-up garments should be marked either:

- a) "Made only from leather which complies with BS 6453:1984¹⁾";
- or (in the case of trims)
- b) "Contains only leather which complies with BS 6453:1984¹⁾".

NOTE 2 The term wool sheepskin may be used instead of leather where appropriate.

¹⁾ Marking BS 6453:1984 on or in relation to a product is a claim by the manufacturer that the product has been manufactured to the requirements of the standard. The accuracy of such a claim is therefore solely the manufacturer's responsibility. Enquiries as to the availability of third party certification to support such claims should be addressed to the Director, Quality Assurance Division, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP2 4SQ in the case of certification marks administered by BSI or to the appropriate authority for other certification marks.