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Standard Test Method for Resistance of Finish to Heat Aging (Finish Stability)¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of resistance of leather finish to cracking, flaking or becoming tacky after aging.

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

D1517 Terminology Relating to Leather

D1610 Practice for Conditioning Leather and Leather Products for Testing

D2813 Practice for Sampling Leather for Physical and Chemical Tests

2.2 *Federal Test Method:*³

Standard No 311 Method 3202 Finish Stability

3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of leather terms see Terminology **D1517**.

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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.

³ Available from http://www.everyspec.com/FED-STD/FED-STD-311_9423/

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 In this test method the finish is visually examined after the test specimen is exposed to prolonged heating, followed by manual flexing of the specimen.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method is intended for use on all types of finished leathers.

5.2 Finish stability is a significant factor in establishing the application and function of leather.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Forced Circulating Air Oven*, capable of maintaining a temperature of 55 °C to 60 °C with a thermo regulator system capable of holding oven temperature within ± 2 °C of set point. A thermometer accurate to ± 2 °C should be used to check and monitor the oven set point.

6.2 *Steel Stamp Die*, 10 cm² + 2 cm².

7. Sampling, Test Specimens, and Test Units

7.1 *Primary Sampling Unit*—The leather shall be sampled in accordance with Practice **D2813**.

7.2 Suggested sample size is 10 cm².

NOTE 1—If necessary, small size may be used. Sample size used should be included in the report.

8. Preparation of Apparatus

8.1 Preheat the oven (**6.1**) to the desired temperature.

9. Conditioning

9.1 Prior to cutting the specimens, condition the leather in accordance with Practice **D1610**.

10. Procedure

10.1 Place the specimen to be tested in the circulating air oven maintained at a temperature of 55 °C to 60 °C, hanging it so that complete circulation of the air around the specimen is possible. Expose the specimen in this manner for 24 h $\pm$ ¼ h and then allow it to cool. After cooling, double the aged leather over with the grain side in, crease the folded edge by hand slightly, and rub the finish grain surface together. Examine the grain surface for cracks, parting of the finish from the leather, and tackiness.