
**Leather –Technical Specification for leather
goods**

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Foreword

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1. Scope

This Ethiopian standard specifies the requirements for leather goods. It includes bags, wallets, belts and hats.

2. Normative references

The following standards contain provisions, which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the Ethiopian standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreement based on the Ethiopian standards are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the Ethiopian standard indicated below. Registers of currently valid standards are maintained in the Ethiopian Standards Agency.

ES 3982, Standard Test Method for Flammability of Apparel Textiles

ES ISO 3376, Leather - Physical and mechanical tests-Determination of tensile strength and percentage extension

ES ISO 13934-1, Textiles — tensile properties of fabrics —Part 1: Determination of maximum force and elongation at maximum force using the strip method

ES 3983, Standard Test Method for Failure in Sewn Seams of Woven Apparel Fabrics

ES ISO 13937-1, Textiles- Tear properties of fabrics- Part 1: Determination of tear force using ballistic pendulum method (Elmendorf)

ES 3987, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety

ES 3985, Standard Test Methods for Operability of Zippers

ES 3984, Standard Test Methods for Strength Tests for Zippers

ES 3986, Standard Test Method for Resistance to Unsnapping of Snap Fasteners

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

ES ISO 22775, Footwear — Test methods for accessories: Metallic accessories — Corrosion resistance

ES ISO22776, Footwear — Test methods for accessories: Touch and close fasteners — Shear strength before and after repeated closing

ES ISO22777, Footwear — Test methods for accessories: Touch and close fasteners — Peel strength before and after repeated closing

ES ISO 5077, Textiles- Determination of dimensional change in washing and drying

ES 3997, evaluation of water repellency of shoe care products

ES ISO 20433, Leather — Tests for color fastness — Color fastness to crocking

ES ISO 105B07, Textiles — tests for color fastness — part B07: color fastness to light of textiles wetted with artificial perspiration

ES ISO 105 C06, Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part C06: Colour fastness to domestic and commercial laundering

ES ISO 105 D01, Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part D01: Colour fastness to drycleaning using perchloroethylene solvent

ES ISO 17072, Leather — Chemical determination of metal content — Part 2: Total metal content

ES ISO 4045, Leather - Chemical tests - Determination of PH

ES ISO TS 1 6181, Footwear — Critical substances potentially present in footwear and footwear components — Determination of phthalates in footwear materials

ES ISO 17226, Leather — Chemical determination of formaldehyde content — Part 2 : Method using colorimetric analysis

3. Terms and Definitions

For the purpose of this standard the definitions in ES 1180 shall apply.

4. Requirements

4.1. General

4.1.1. Description

4.1.1.1. Leather Bags (handbags (fashion, basic and evening), back packs wallets, and book bags)

a) **Leather Materials** :-The type of leather material can be either of the following : cow nubuck, cow softy , plain box, cow suede, cow embossed, patent leather, pull up leather, upholstery leather, cow aniline, cow waxy, cow smooth, sheep tie dye, aniline, sheep nappa, goat nappa, goat suede, sheep nubuck and goat nubuck

b) **Lining Materials**:-It can be made of textile, leather, synthetic or fur materials

c) **Reinforcement Materials**:- can be shank board, leather fiber board, plastic board, triplex, texon board or dublex

d) **Locks**:- It can be turn locks, magnetic lock or press/push lock

e) **Buttons**:- It can be snap buttons or press buttons

4.1.1.2. Heavy Leather Goods: Document cases, Brief cases, Attaché cases, Medical Bags, Travel bags, Travel suite cases, Sports kits, School Bags, etc

a) **Leather Materials**:- The type of leather material can be either of the following : cow nubuck, cow softy , plain box, cow suede, cow embossed, patent leather, pull up leather, upholstery leather, cow aniline, cow waxy, cow smooth, sheep tie dye, aniline, sheep nappa, goat nappa, goat suede, sheep nubuck, goat nubuck

b) **Lining Materials**:-It can be made of textile, leather, synthetic or fur materials

c) **Reinforcement Materials**:- can be shank board, leather fiber board, plastic board, triplex, texon board or dublex

d) **Locks**:- It can be turn locks, magnetic lock or press/push lock

e) **Buttons**:- It can be snap buttons or press buttons

4.1.1.3. Medium Leather Goods:- Medium Arm Case, Zip folio Case, Wrist Bags, Shaving Kits, Writing Folders, etc

a) **Leather Materials** :-The type of leather material can be either of the following : cow nubuck, cow softy , plain box, cow suede, cow embossed, patent leather, pull up leather, upholstery leather, cow aniline, cow waxy, cow smooth, sheep tie dye, aniline, sheep nappa, goat nappa, goat suede, sheep nubuck and goat nubuck

b) **Reinforcement Materials** :- can be shank board, leather fiber board, plastic board, triplex, texon board or dublex

c) **Locks**:- It can be turn locks, magnetic lock or press/push lock

d) **Buttons**:- It can be snap buttons or press buttons

4.1.1.4. Small Leather Goods:- (Coin Purse, Coin Pouch, Key Case, Spectacle Case, Wallets, Belts, Passport Case, Watch Strap, belts)

- a) Leather Materials:-The type of leather material can be either of the following: cow nubuck, cow softy, plain box, cow suede, cow embossed, patent leather, pull up leather, upholstery leather, cow aniline, cow waxy, cow smooth, sheep tie dye, aniline, sheep nappa, goat nappa, goat suede, sheep nubuck and goat nubuck
- b) Locks: - It can be turn locks, magnetic lock or press/push lock
- c) Buttons: - It can be snap buttons or press buttons

4.1.2. Manufacturing Norm

The leather goods shall be produced using standard manufacturing process or operations of designing, material cutting and preparation operations, assembling operations, finishing and packing.

4.2. Physical requirements

The leather goods shall conform to the requirements given below in table 1, when tested in accordance with the methods prescribed in table 1.

Table 1 leather goods chemical and physical requirements

Characteristics	Requirements	Test method
Flammability – all textiles	Plain surface fabrics: 3.5sec. or more Raised-Fiber Fabrics: 4sec. or more if they exhibit ignition or fusion of their base fibers	ES 3982
Workmanship	No major defect	Visual
Tensile strength	Shell 178N min. Lining: 90N min. Vinyl:44.5N min Textile: 4.4 N/mm min	ES ISO 3376 ES ISO 13934-1
Handle strength	11.3kg	ES 3983
Tear Strength	Lining:1.1kg	ES ISO 13937-1
Attachment strength snaps, buttons, decorative	6.8kg/10sec	ES 3987
Zipper performance: Open/close	0.9N/mm Max.	ES 3985
Crosswise strength	9.0N/mm min.	ES 3984
Top/bottom stop holding	4N/mm min.	ES 3984
Scoop Pull strength/slider strength	2N/mm min.	ES 3984
Slider torque	0.4N/mm min.	ES 3984
Snaps:	Snapping 0.4N/mm min. Unsnapping max. 1.4N/mm	ES 3986
Surface abrasion	No removal of upper surface at 200cycle	ES ISO 12947-1
Resistance to corrosion metal parts	No tarnishing after 24 hrs in 1% saline solution	ES ISO 22775
Seam strength	4.4 N/mm min.	ES 3983
Attachment strength-snaps, buttons	6.8kg/10sec.	ES 3987
Buckle strength (Belt)	4.4N/mm min. pull	ES 3983
Stretch & Recovery	Recovery after 1 minute:95% min. Elongation: Over 100%	ES ISO 13934-1 Extension and modulus test -1-15mm (elastic width):1.5kg load -16-50mm:4.5kg load -Over 50mm:7.5kg load

Durability of Velcro, button, snap fastener & rivet	Velcro Peel strength, N/mm After 5,000 wear cycle min. 0.1 After 10,000 wear cycle min. 0.08 Shear strength, KPa After 5,000 cycle min 75 After 10,000 cycle min 65 Snap, Button, fastener, rivet Shall remain functional after opening & closing for 100 cycle	ES ISO 22776/ES ISO 22777
Dimensional stability (if washable) - After 3 machine washings - After one dry cleaning	Knit: +/-5% Woven 3% max. Knit: +/-3% Woven 2% max.	ES ISO 5077
Water repellency (leather)	90 min.	ES 3997
Color fastness to Crocking (gray scale max.)	Dry 4 Wet 3	ES ISO 20433
Color fastness to light	Leather: 3 at 10hrs Silk: 3 at 10hrs Woven 3 at 20hrs	ES ISO 105B07
Color fastness to laundering or dry cleaning	Staining 3 Color change 4 Self-staining 4	ES ISO 105 C06 ES ISO 105 D01
pH level	6-8	ES ISO 4045

4.3. Hazardous chemical requirements

The leather goods shall conform to the requirements given below in table 2, when tested in accordance with the methods prescribed in table 3.

Table 2 hazardous chemical requirements

Characteristic	Requirement	Method of test
Total lead (accessible components), ppm, by weight	Leather: 300 PVC: 200 Others: 300	ES ISO 17072
Lead in surface coating, ppm, by weight, max.	90	ES ISO 17072
Total Cadmium, ppm, max. by weight	75	ES ISO 17072
Phthalates (accessible components) PVC, PU, Synthetic, leather, soft plastics	Maximum 1000ppm (0.1% by weight) (DEHP, DBP, BBP, DINP, DIDP, DNOP, DEP)	ES ISO TS 16181 or GC-MS analysis
Formaldehyde Content (including in printed items), ppm, max.	300	ES ISO 17226
Hexavalent chromium, ppm, max.	3	ES ISO 17075

5. Sampling

Sampling shall be carried out in accordance with ES ISO 2418, ES ISO 2419 ES ISO 2588 and ES ISO 4044.

6. Packing

Leather goods shall be placed in polypropylene plastic bags or wrapped in them as agreed to between the purchaser and producer.

7. Marking/Labeling

Each container of finished leather goods shall be labeled with the following information.

- a) The name and address of manufacturer's;
- b) Name of the country;
- c) The number of pieces;
- d) The total mass in kg;
- e) Batch number(s) or code number
- f) Product colour
- g) Any other labeling information required by the purchaser.

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