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Foreword

This Standard is a revision of QB/T 1873 - 2004 Shoe Upper Leather.

This standard, in comparison with QB/T 1873-2004, has the major changes as follows.

- Adjust "scope";
- Add standards for reference in "normative reference documents";
- Adjust the thickness range in "product classification";
- Add requirements for "limit of harmful substances", to be consistent with GB 20400-2006;
- Replace the "tear load" with the "tear load";
- Adjust requirements for "specified load elongation" and "bursting height";
- Adjust and refine the requirements for "coating folding endurance" and "bursting strength". And add requirements for "split leather";
- Add requirements for "internal surface of unlined shoe upper leather" in "color fastness to rubbing";
- Add requirements for "odor";
- Add requirements for "shrink temperature" of non-chrome tanning shoe's upper leather;

- Simplify the requirements for "ex-factory inspection";
- Modify the "determination rules for single (piece) leather".

This Standard was proposed by China National Light Industry Council.

This Standard shall be centralized by the National Leather Industry Standardization Technical Committee (SAC/TC 252).

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1 Scope

This Standard specifies the products classification, requirements, grading, test methods, inspection rules, package, mark, transportation and storage of the shoe upper leather.

This Standard applies to all kinds of shoe upper leather. Leather for bags can also refer to this Standard.

This Standard does not apply to shift membrane leather.

2 Normative references

The articles contained in the following documents have become part of this Standard when they are quoted herein. For the dated documents so quoted, all the modifications (Including all corrections) or revisions made thereafter shall be applicable to this Standard.

GB/T 19941 Leather and fur -- Chemical tests-Determination of formaldehyde content (GB/T 19941-2005, ISO/TS 17226.2003,MOD)

GB/T 19942 Leather and fur -- Chemical tests -- Determination of banned azo colourants (GB/T 19942-2005, ISO/TS 17234.2003,MOD)

GB 20400 Leather and fur-Limit of harmful matter

QB/T 2537 Leather -- Tests for colour fastness -- Colour fastness to cycles of to-and-fro rubbing (QB/T 2537-2001, eqv ISO 11640.1993)

QB/T 2710 Leather -- Physical and mechanical tests -- Determination of tensile strength and percentage extension (QB/T 2710-2005, MOD ISO 3376.2002)

QB/T 2711 Leather -- Physical and mechanical tests -- Determination of tear load -- Double edge tear (QB/T 2711-2005, MOD ISO 3377-2.2002)

QB/T 2712 Leather -- Physical and mechanical tests -- Determination of distension

and strength of grain -- Ball burst test (QB/T 2712-2005, MOD ISO 3379.2002)

QB/T 2713 Leather -- Physical and mechanical tests -- Determination of shrinkage temperature (QB/T 2713-2005, MOD ISO 3380.2002)

QB/T 2714 Leather -- Physical and mechanical tests -- Determination of flex resistance (QB/T 2714-2005, MOD ISO 5402.2002)

QB/T 2724 Leather -- chemical test -- Determination of pH (QB/T 2724-2005, MOD ISO 4045.1977)

QB/T 2725 Leather -- Determination of odour

QB/T 2801 Leather -- The rules of examination for acceptance packing marking transportation and conservation

3.1 See Table 1 for the product classification. And the classification of each type of

leather includes the sectional-layer leather of its kind.

Table 1 Classification

Category	Cattle, horse, mule leathers	Pig leather	Sheep leather	Other leathers
Thickness /mm				
Type I	>1.5	>0.9	>1.5	
Type II	1.3-1.5	0.6-0.9	1.0-1.5	
Type III	< 1.3	< 0.6	< 1.0	

4.1 Limit of harmful substances

It shall comply with provisions indicated in GB 20100 and Table 2.

Table 2 Limit value of harmful substances

Items	Limit value
Class A	
(Infants' product)	
Class B	

(Products in direct
contact with the skin)

Class C

(Products in indirect
contact with the skin)

Decomposable harmful
aromatic amine dyes

/(mg/kg)

≤ 30

Free formaldehyde (mg/kg) ≤ 20 ≤ 75 ≤ 300

Note: See GB 20100 for names of banned aromatic amines. If the content of 4-aminobiphenyl and
(or)

2-naphthylamine exceeds 30 mg/kg, and there is no other evidence, it still can not be
concluded

that the banned azo dye is used, with existing scientific knowledge.

4.2 Physiochemical property indexes

It shall comply with provisions indicated in Table 3.

leather; 500g for suede leather, and internal surface of unlined shoe's upper leather. 50
times for dry rubbing; and 10 times for wet rubbing.

6.8 Odor

Determine according to the provisions of QB/T 2725.

6.9 Shrink temperature

Determine according to the provisions of QB/T 2713.

6.10 pH and dilution difference

Determine according to the provisions of QB/T 27124.

6.11 Sensory requirements

Under the suitable light, choose the clear sight distance to conduct sensory inspection.