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## Impact of Different Chemical Materials and Technologies on Leather Conductivity

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#### Introduction

Leather is a kind of natural polymer material. In the machining process, it is necessary to introduce cations with NH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>, H<sup>+</sup> etc. and anions with Cl<sup>-</sup>, COO<sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, OH<sup>-</sup>etc., normally the cations combine with the acidic groups of leather, at the meantime, the anions combine with the alkaline groups of that. This combination is unstable, it is easy to generate free ions or ion groups under the affection of water molecules, thus make the leather materials have conductivity.

Under different outside conditions such as temperature, finishing, dyestuff, pressure, voltage, appearance, humidity etc., Internal structures of leather are changed, they changes the number of carriers, finally influence the conductivity of leather.

This subject mainly studies tanning, retanning, fatliquoring materials and their processes, as well as their influence rule of some external factors for leather materials conductivity such as temperature and humidity, it also supplies a beneficial exploration about improving the conductivity of leather materials and developing special function of new leather materials with high conductivity, antistatic etc.

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