

**Numbering Code for the Standard Methods of Test and
Standards for Methods of Testing**

The International Fastness Tests Commission for leather dyestuffs and dyed leather decided to mark with the letters IUF (= International Union Fastness) the standard methods of test and standards of methods for testing issued by it and, in numbering, to group together directives and test specifications which belong together.

Group 1 with the numbers 100-199 comprises:

General information, principles, assessment scales, preparation of standard substrates.

Examples: Numbering code

Principles for carrying out the test

Grey Scale for assessing the change in colour

Grey Scale for assessing the staining of accompanying material

Preparation of standard chrome leather for use in dyeing

Group 2 with the numbers 200-299 comprises:

Testing the properties of dyestuffs and finishing materials without the aid of leather.

Examples: Solubility of leather dyestuffs

Acid fastness of leather dyestuffs

Stability of leather dyestuffs to acids

Stability of leather dyestuffs to hard water

Group 3 with the numbers 300-399 comprises:

Testing the properties of dyestuffs and finishing materials upon application to leather.

Examples: Dyestuff exhaustion from the float

Fastness of the dyestuff towards fatliquor

Influence of hard water on dyeing

Group 4 with the numbers 400-499 comprises:

Colour fastness testing of leather.

Examples: Fastness to light of the colour of leather

Fastness to water of the colour of leather

Fastness to water spotting of the colour of leather

Fastness to washing of the colour of leather

Rub fastness of the colour of leather