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(54) **Method for improving leather treatment**

(57) A method of using a dispersion of a selected amphiphilic copolymer formed from a predominant amount of at least one hydrophobic monomer and a minor amount of at least one copolymerizable hydrophilic

monomer in the pretanning and tanning step improves moisture release in the wringing step and improves thickness adjustment in the splitting and shaving steps of leather treatment is disclosed.

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