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# Specification

## Keepers, Belt, Leather

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## **RCMP VIEWING SAMPLE**

A viewing sample, when available, will be supplied to the successful tenderer.

This will be used for the guidance of the manufacturer in all factors not covered by this specification or referred to therein. Variation from the specification may appear in the sample in which case the specification shall govern.

It may be obtained from:

Royal Canadian Mounted Police  
ATTN: Quality Control  
(440 Coventry Road, Warehouse Building)  
1200 Vanier Parkway  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0R2

It will be sent “prepaid” and is to be returned “prepaid”.

The viewing sample shall be returned to the RCMP in the same condition as received by the manufacturer. Lost or damaged viewing samples shall be replaced by an identical item or the RCMP shall be reimbursed for the cost of an acceptable replacement.

## **SPECIFICATION**

### **KEEPERS, BELT, LEATHER**

#### **1. Definitions**

- 1.1 This specification shall govern the manufacture and inspection of Keepers, Belt, Leather.
- 1.2 This specification, drawing, viewing sample, or other information issued in connection therewith, may only be used for specific enquiries, tenders, or orders placed on behalf of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.
- 1.3 This specification supersedes all previous specifications for R.C.M.P. Keepers, Belt, Leather.

#### **2. Applicable Specifications**

- 2.1 The following publications are applicable to this specification and to the issues in effect on the date of the invitation to tender, unless otherwise specified.
- 2.2 ASTM D6075-13 Standard Test Method for Cracking Resistance of Leather.
- 2.3 ASTM D5053-03 Standard Test Method for Colorfastness of Crocking of Leather [2009].
- 2.4 ASTM D2210-00 [2012]. Standard Test Method for Grain Crack and Extension of Leather by the Mullen Test.

#### **3. General Requirements**

- 3.1 The article or material covered by this specification shall be free from imperfections or blemishes such as may affect its appearance or serviceability. In all particulars not covered by this specification or contract documents, production shall be equivalent in all respects to the viewing sample.
- 3.2 **Design** - Keepers, Belt, Leather are designed to secure a 57mm wide police duty belt to a wearer's uniform trouser waist belt.
- 3.3 In the event of any inconsistency in contract documents, specification, drawing, or viewing sample, the aforementioned shall prevail in the following order:

- i) Contract
- ii) Specification
- iii) Drawing
- iv) Viewing Sample

#### 4. **Detail Requirements**

##### 4.1 **Materials**

4.1.1 **Leather** - The leather shall be tanned from fresh or cured packer steer hides. Dry hides shall not be used. The finished leather shall be thoroughly tanned and be firm, tight fibred and mellow. Loose or pipy leather will not be accepted. The leather shall be rated 'good' when tested for crocking (ASTM 5053-03 [2009]). The leather shall show no signs of cracking when tested using a mandrel of 11 mm diameter (ASTM D6075-13). The leather grain crack index shall be 25psi minimum (ASTM D2210-00 [2012]) when RH is 65%. All leather items shall be dip dyed in a medium gloss black penetrating dye and sprayed with a black tinted acrylic protective coating for water resistance and lustre.

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4.1.2 **Hardware** - The hardware shall consist of the following component;

1. Dome fastener; solid brass, hard action.

4.2 **Size and Dimensions** – Keepers, Belt, Leather to this specification shall be supplied in the dimensions specified by the R.C.M.P. in the attached drawing forming part of this specification, and the viewing sample. It must fit on an approved 57 mm wide RCMP leather duty belt.

##### 4.3 **Construction**

4.3.1 **Cutting** - The component leather parts of the Keepers, Belt, Leather, shall be cut from the leather specified in para. 4.1.1. The pattern dimensions for all components shall be strictly in accordance with the applicable drawing. Care shall be taken to see that the best part of the leather is used. Loose or pipy leather will not be accepted.

4.3.2 **Sealing** - All open flesh parts of the leather shall be sealed with "Super Clear Lacquer".

- 4.3.3 **Bevelling** – The leather edges shall be bevelled to a width of 1 mm with a plus tolerance of 0.5 mm.
- 4.3.4 **Edge Finishing** - All edges shall be stained and filled with a wax type of matching black edging ink and then burnished to a solid smooth and durable edge. Lacquer or varnish type edge finishes shall not be used.
- 4.3.5 **Construction Details** - The Keepers, Belt, Leather shall be constructed of the material listed in para. 4.1.1 and 4.1.2. The leather shall be between 3 mm and 4 mm thick. The keeper shall secure in place using two solid brass dome fasteners, as per viewing sample. The keepers and all components used in their construction shall function correctly and appropriately for the purpose they were made.
- 4.3.6 **Finish** – Keepers, Belt, Leather shall have an embossed pattern known as ‘basketweave’, as per the viewing sample.

## 5. **Delivery, Packing and Marking of Containers**

- 5.1 Unless otherwise specified the items shall be delivered to the Commissioner, RCMP, Uniform & Equipment Program, Ottawa, Ontario, free of transportation charges, provincial tax and federal tax where applicable.
- 5.2 Packing and marking of shipping containers shall be as specified in the invitation to tender.
- 5.3 A packing slip shall be enclosed showing contents of each shipment.

## 6. **Quality Assurance Provisions**

- 6.1 **Responsibility for Inspection** - Unless otherwise stipulated in the contract, it is the prime contractor's responsibility to satisfy the RCMP, Uniform & Equipment Program that the material and services being supplied conform to this specification. This may be accomplished by performing the tests specified in this specification or by demonstrating to the satisfaction of the RCMP, Uniform & Equipment Program that conformity to this specification of manufacturing processes is assured. The contractor may use his own facilities or any commercial testing establishment acceptable to the RCMP, Uniform & Equipment Program.
- 6.2 The RCMP, Uniform & Equipment Program reserves the right to perform any inspection considered necessary to ensure the material and services conform to the specified requirements. For the purpose of inspection, a portion of each

delivery not exceeding two percent may be put to tests that could destroy the articles. If found to be inferior or not in accordance with this specification, all articles so destroyed shall be replaced by others of proper quality and pattern at the expense of the contractor. The entire delivery may also be rejected if it is found that articles previously rejected due to non-repairable defects are redelivered for inspection.

- 6.3 The contractor will be promptly notified when any articles are not accepted and such articles will be returned at the contractor's risk and expense.

## Appendix 'A'

**Certification of Compliance & Test Data**

Appendix A contains definitions of compliance and certification requirements for all materials specified in this document. These definitions shall be used by RCMP Uniform & Equipment Program Section to ensure all documentation is received and meets the requirements outlined in this specification.

**Definitions:**

**Certification of compliance:** Compliance certification documents shall be based on testing from a raw goods manufacturer, from an in-house or independent, third-party accredited laboratory acceptable to the RCMP to verify performance requirements as specified in this specification, or, where indicated, an invoice from the raw good manufacturer is also acceptable.

**Test Report:** Test report documents shall include the test method, test conditions and test results performed by a laboratory or test facility acceptable to the RCMP to verify requirements as specified in this specification.

All certificates and test reports that verify the performance of materials used in manufacturing the finished item shall be retained by the manufacturer and shall be made available to ensure that all items meeting the requirements have completed all of the testing and certification required by this specification. Failure to provide the requested documentation shall be cause for rejection. Failure to meet the requirements when tested by the RCMP Uniform & Equipment Program Section shall be cause for rejection.