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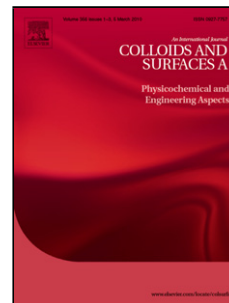
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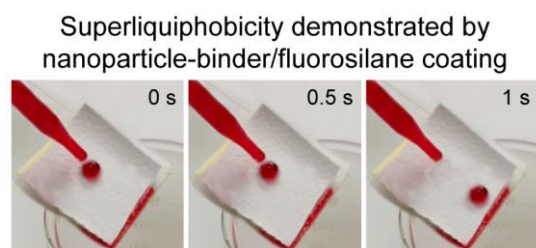
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Graphical abstract



Abstract

The leather is a flexible, yet strong material, which is used in many applications. These include footwear, furniture, automotive industry, clothing, gloves, sports gear, and bags. In order to reduce cost and to tailor flexibility, the demand for synthetic leather has grown. Synthetic leather consists of about 55% polymer, about 40% plasticizer, about 1% stabilizer, and the balance filler. For many applications, the leather should have liquid repellency and self-cleaning, and maintain these properties at high temperature. In this study for the first time, synthetic leather has been reported to achieve superliquiphobicity and self-cleaning by using multi-layered nanocomposite coating structure. The coated surface exhibited high mechanical durability and maintained these properties up to 70°C.

Keywords: Synthetic leather, lotus effect, nanocomposite coating, self-cleaning, low adhesion

1. Introduction

Leather has been an important material since the beginning of the human race [1–4]. Before the development of woven textiles, leather was the only available material to use for clothing. Due to its desirable traits, including high tensile strength, flexibility, resistance to tearing, puncturing, and

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