



Private & Exclusive Brands

## Kohl's Global Defect Classification List for Footwear & Leather/PU Accessories

Defect Classification List for FOOTWEAR & LEATHER/PU ACCESSORIES

<b>Footwear</b>	Active, Boots, Casual, Flip Flops, Sandals, Slippers
<b>Leather/PU Accessories</b>	Belts, Handbags, Wallets, Small Leather / PU Goods



Introduction			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DCL is a general guideline and is subject to definition of what Kohl's considers a defect and/or defective</li> <li>How defects are classified (critical, major, minor) is contingent on the location and severity of the defect</li> <li>Kohl's uses Critical / Major / Minor defect classification for Footwear and Leather / PU accessories</li> </ul>			
<b>CRITICAL</b>  <b>Not Allowed</b>	Defects that may result in hazardous or unsafe conditions for individuals using or wearing the product and/or do not comply with mandatory regulations.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A critical defect can and should be identified during production monitoring / in-line inspection</li> <li>Most critical defects can be avoided if discussed and addressed at the pre-production meeting</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If defects <b>can be rectified</b> - the factory must 100% re-inspect and repair all defective garments before they are re-inspected by a 3rd Party</li> <li>If a defect <b>cannot be rectified</b> - the entire shipment cannot be released and must be destroyed following Kohl's Private Brands Destruction Policy managed by Kohl's Factory Compliance</li> </ul>		
<b>MAJOR</b>  <b>1 point</b>	Functional defects that may reduce the use, wear, fit or comfort of the product OR obvious visual defects that would affect salability.		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defects which affect the appearance, performance or durability to such a degree:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A customer would not purchase the product if they saw the defect / evaluated at arm's length</li> <li>The defect will result in dissatisfaction when first worn or after first wash</li> <li>Product would not conform to the appropriate Performance Standards/Test Category if tested</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A rejection based on these defects would require 100% inspection and correction by vendor/factory and 3rd party re-inspection before shipment</li> </ul>		
<b>MINOR</b>  <b>0.5 points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defects that would not reduce the use, wear, fit or comfort of the product, but may influence salability.</li> </ul>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A departure from Kohl's technical specification or quality standards that may affect the product's appearance or durability and possibly reduce its salability</li> </ul>		
Defects are categorized according to			
	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	FINISHING	SEAMS
	COLOR	PRINTING / EMBOSSED	STAINING
	EMBROIDERY	PRODUCT LABELING	STITCHING
	FABRIC / MATERIALS	SAFETY	TRIMS
How to Use Defect Classification Lists (DCL):			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defect classification lists are to be used for defect identification during Product Inspections (In-Line/DUPRO, Pre-Final, Final)</li> <li>2.5 AQL Major &amp; Minor <b>combined</b> defect AQL. General Level II.</li> <li>If the same selling unit has multiple defects, all should be documented with the most serious defect counted  <math>\geq 1</math> defects within a selling unit/garment/pack = 1 defect</li> <li>No critical defect is allowed, the entire shipment should be rejected</li> </ol>			

FOOTWEAR & LEATHER / PU ACCESSORIES						Location and Size Guidelines					
Defect Category ID	Defect Category	Defect ID	Defect Description	CRITICAL	MAJOR	MINOR	Top / Front	Sides	Back	Inside	Bottom
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC01	Back Counter: Sloping/slanted		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC02	Backers over thickness		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC03	Counter was not activated		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC04	Counter/lining not under inner-sole board		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC05	Crease / Fold / Wrinkled marks on stays, upper, lining, counter		X	X	MAJOR	MAJOR	MAJOR	MINOR	N/A
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC06	Cup between sole and upper		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC07	Different height within a pair / high/low / uneven (back heights, quarter, heel, etc.)		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC08	Different length &/or placement within a pair (toe thong, toe, eyelet stay, shoe lace, tongue, straps, etc.)		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC09	Different width of tape/strap folding			X					
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC10	Gap between the ends of outsole welting		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC11	Holes not punched properly		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC12	Insole pattern board damaged (torn, folded)		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC13	Irregular cement margin width along top edge of foxing		X	X	MAJOR	MINOR	MINOR	N/A	N/A
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC14	Loose foxing		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC15	Loose or uneven welting on sole edge		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC16	Nap/fabric direction mismatched with a pair (unless specified)		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC17	Off center/Crooked (back stay, eyelet, stay, toe piece, heel, tongue, etc.)		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC18	Poor adhesive between upper, outsole, middle sole		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC19	Poor assembly (upper, heels, soles, etc.)		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC20	Poor fitting (lining, upper to outsole, etc.)		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC21	Poor lasting margin cause wrinkle/heel height		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC22	Poor setting (zipper, top lift, etc.)		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC23	Sole and upper different sizes or incorrect - left attached to right		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC24	Sole: Deformed shape (overheated)		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC25	Sole: Rocking		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC26	Start/stop point of sole edge welting not at inside quarter		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC27	Toe spring - excessive		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC28	Toe spring - insufficient / not enough			X					
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC29	Toe/counter chemical sheet is too soft		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC30	Twisted/torqued (uppers, outsoles, etc.)		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC31	Uneven top line		X						
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC32	X-ray toe cap, boot shaft, vamp			X					
FL-ASC	ASSEMBLY/CONSTRUCTION	ASC33	Poor Matching, Uneven Shape / Width / Length / Placement within a pair (left and right)		X						
FL-COL	COLOR	COL01	Color migration / crocking / transfer – materials and/or trims		X						
FL-COL	COLOR	COL02	Color not as specified/approved		X						
FL-COL	COLOR	COL03	Color shade variation within a pair or shoe		X						
FL-EMB	EMBROIDERY	EMB01	Embroidery: Damaged/Insecure/Missing		X						
FL-EMB	EMBROIDERY	EMB02	Embroidery: Faulty stitching		X						
FL-EMB	EMBROIDERY	EMB03	Embroidery: Improper backing removal		X						
FL-EMB	EMBROIDERY	EMB04	Embroidery: Incorrect appearance / tension		X						
FL-EMB	EMBROIDERY	EMB05	Embroidery: Incorrect color		X						
FL-EMB	EMBROIDERY	EMB06	Embroidery: Incorrect position		X						
FL-EMB	EMBROIDERY	EMB07	Embroidery: Incorrect shape		X						
FL-EMB	EMBROIDERY	EMB08	Embroidery: Incorrect size		X						
FL-EMB	EMBROIDERY	EMB09	Embroidery: Untrimmed thread/Untrimmed or loose thread (over 1/4"knotted yarn ends)		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB01	Air hole		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB02	Bubbles on PU cosmetic		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB03	Contour in footbed poorly formed		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB04	Filling bars – woven fabric		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB05	Holes		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB06	Leather: Creased, Scratches/scuffs, Scars		X	X	MAJOR	MINOR	MINOR	N/A	N/A
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB07	Leather: Flesh cuts		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB08	Leather: grain variation, non-conforming		X	X	MAJOR	MINOR	MINOR	N/A	N/A
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB09	Leather: Thin parts		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB10	Material not as specified / approved (Substitute material)		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB11	Phenolic yellowing: Phylon (EVA), Rubber, etc.		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB12	PU: Peeling upper		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB13	Stain on PVC tile for Non-marking Rubber sole		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB14	Upper: Damaged (tears, cracking, etc.)		X						
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB15	Woven, Knit: Slubs (non slub materials), snags			X					
FL-FAB	FABRIC / MATERIALS	FAB16	Woven: missing, broken, coarse yarn		X						
FL-FIN	FINISHING	FIN01	Burnishing: Not as approved standard		X						
FL-FIN	FINISHING	FIN02	Cupssole stitch ends length <15mm and not cemented down			X					
FL-FIN	FINISHING	FIN03	Flocking: Missing / Incorrect / Not as approved	X							
FL-FIN	FINISHING	FIN04	High roughing		X						
FL-FIN	FINISHING	FIN05	Frayed / Hairy edges (unless specified)		X						
FL-FIN	FINISHING	FIN06	Lasting tape on gore not removed, preventing function of elastic		X						
FL-FIN	FINISHING	FIN07	Poor painting/staining/spraying (heel, edges, etc.)		X						
FL-FIN	FINISHING	FIN08	Poor trimming (Phylon (EVA), rubber after molding, etc.)		X						
FL-FIN	FINISHING	FIN09	Uncut / untrimmed thread end		X		>1/2	>1/2	>1/2	N/A	N/A
FL-FIN	FINISHING	FIN10	Uncut / untrimmed thread end			X	<1/2	<1/2	<1/2	N/A	N/A
FL-PRT	PRINTING / EMBOSSEING	PRT01	Heat Transfer: Halo Mark / Peeling / Cracking		X						
FL-PRT	PRINTING / EMBOSSEING	PRT02	Printing / Embossing: Cracking		X						
FL-PRT	PRINTING / EMBOSSEING	PRT03	Printing / Embossing: Damaged/Missing		X						
FL-PRT	PRINTING / EMBOSSEING	PRT04	Printing / Embossing: Incorrect appearance / Poor or unclear embossing		X						
FL-PRT	PRINTING / EMBOSSEING	PRT05	Printing / Embossing: Incorrect color		X						
FL-PRT	PRINTING / EMBOSSEING	PRT06	Printing / Embossing: Incorrect position		X						

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FL-PRT	PRINTING / EMBOSSING	PRT07	Printing / Embossing: Incorrect shape		X						
FL-PRT	PRINTING / EMBOSSING	PRT08	Printing / Embossing: Incorrect size		X						
FL-PRT	PRINTING / EMBOSSING	PRT09	Printing / Embossing: Incorrect technique		X						
FL-PRT	PRINTING / EMBOSSING	PRT10	Printing / Embossing: Iron / plate mark		X						
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL01	Adult Tracking / UPC Label: Incorrect / Missing / Illegible-not clear enough to read (Kohl's required)		X						
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL02	Brand/Main Label: Incorrect / Missing / Damaged / Illegible-not clear enough to read	X							
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL03	Care Label: <b>(Only if applicable, slippers)</b> Incorrect / Missing / Missing paper hangtag / care instructions /		X						
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL04	Children's Tracking / UPC Label: Incorrect / Missing GCC labels / Illegible-not clear enough to read (Regulatory requirement / CPSIA for all children's product)	X							
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL05	Content Label: Incorrect / Missing / Illegible-not clear enough to read	X							
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL06	Country of Origin: Incorrect / Missing / Wrong Country of Origin / Illegible-not clear enough to read	X							
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL07	Heat Transfer / Seal / Embossing - Poor Appearance / Not as Specified: sublimation, discolored, color transfer / crocking		X						
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL08	Heat Transfer / Seal / Embossing - Poor Application / Finishing: halo mark / grin through, peeling, cracking, bubbling		X						
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL09	Label Edge Stiff / Rough		X						
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL10	Label Position / Placement: Incorrect / Poor / Not as specified		X						
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL11	RN: Incorrect / Missing / Illegible-not clear enough to read		X						
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL12	Sewn-In - Poor Appearance / Not as Specified: discolored, color transfer / crocking, mishaped		X						
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL13	Sewn-In - Poor Construction / Finishing: sewing defects, wavy/frayed edges, puckering, creased		X						
FL-PRL	PRODUCT LABELING	PRL14	Size Label: Incorrect / Missing / Illegible-not clear enough to read		X						
FL-SAF	SAFETY	SAF01	Mold	X							
FL-SAF	SAFETY	SAF02	Poor attachment of trims (functional or decorative) for baby or children's product (up to 3 years)	X							
FL-SAF	SAFETY	SAF03	Protruding nails or pins	X							
FL-SAF	SAFETY	SAF04	Sharp points/edges	X							
FL-SEM	SEAMS	SEM01	Open Seam		X						
FL-SEM	SEAMS	SEM02	Uneven seam margin		X						
FL-STN	STAINING	STN01	Chalk/Pen/Pencil Marks		X	X					
FL-STN	STAINING	STN02	Chemical / Bleach - stain / spot / mark		X						
FL-STN	STAINING	STN03	Dirt mark - can be laundered / washed / cleaned away			X					
FL-STN	STAINING	STN04	Glue / Adhesive / Cement - stain / spot / mark		X	X					
FL-STN	STAINING	STN05	Oil - stain / spot / mark		X						
FL-STN	STAINING	STN06	Rust marks or stains		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI01	Bartack: Missing / Incorrect / Broken / Displaced		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI02	Broken Stitch		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI03	Cupssole stitch is not inside the stitching groove		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI04	Cupssole stitched too tight to wave the cupssole			X					
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI05	Jump Stitch/ Skipped stitch		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI06	Needle hole /cut mark - found on the stitching line		X		>1/4	>1/4	>1/4	N/A	N/A
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI07	Needle hole /cut mark - found on the stitching line			X	<1/4	<1/4	<1/4	N/A	N/A
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI08	Pinching - material caught in seam or stitches		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI09	Puckering - unwanted gather or waviness on the seam		X	X	MAJOR	MAJOR	MINOR	MINOR	N/A
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI10	Stitching: Feeddog Marks / Wavy / Stretched		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI11	Stitching: Coarse / Excessive Tacking not as specified		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI12	Stitching: Crooked Stitch		X		>1/4	>1/4	>1/4	N/A	N/A
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI13	Stitching: Crooked Stitch			X	<1/4	<1/4	<1/4	N/A	N/A
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI14	Stitching: Incorrect / Inconsistent SPI (If specified or outside of Minimum Construction Standards)		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI15	Stitching: Insecured		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI16	Stitching: Pleated, Dart, Pleat, shirring (Placement, Defects, Missing)		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI17	Stitching: Poor Appearance, crooked, pleated, exposed or uneven seam, etc		X	X	MAJOR	MAJOR	MINOR	MINOR	N/A
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI18	Stitching: Poor repair / Untidy joint stitch		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI19	Stitching: Run-off Stitch		X		>1/4	>1/4	>1/4	N/A	N/A
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI20	Stitching: Run-off Stitch			X	<1/4	<1/4	<1/4	N/A	N/A
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI21	Stitching: Tight / Loose Tension		X		>1/2	>1/2	>1/2	N/A	N/A
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI22	Stitching: Tight / Loose Tension			X	<1/2	<1/2	<1/2	N/A	N/A
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI23	Stitching: Wrong type of stitch		X						
FL-STI	STITCHING	STI24	Uneven stitch		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM01	Buckle: Incorrect/Damaged/Insecure/Missing		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM02	Drawcord: Incorrect/Damaged/Missing		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM03	Elastic Gore: Incorrect/Damaged/Missing / Insufficient Memory		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM04	Eyelet: Incorrect / Damaged / Insecure / Missing		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM05	Lining: Incorrect/Damaged / Poor lining matching		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM06	Padding: Incorrect/Damaged		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM07	Rings: Incorrect/Damaged/Insecure/Missing		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM08	Rivet / Burr: Incorrect / Damaged / Insecure / Missing		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM09	Sequin / Bead : Incorrect/Damaged/Wrong position/Missing		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM10	Snap: Incorrect / Damaged / Insecure / Missing		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM11	Socketliner: Incorrect / Damaged / Missing		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM12	Strap: Incorrect/Damaged/Insecure/Missing		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM13	Studs: Incorrect/Damaged/Insecure/Missing		X						

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FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM14	Thread: Incorrect Color/Quality/Incorrect thread color and size/Wrong thread used		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM15	Velcro: Incorrect/Damaged/Insecure/Missing		X						
FL-TRM	TRIMS	TRM16	Zipper: Incorrect/Damaged/Wavy/Sharp Edge/Missing		X						

Revision Index		
Date	Approved By	Revision
10/14/2022	Elizabeth Armstrong	Complete Update
		Updated Cover Page
		Updated Introduction
		Updated Defect Classification List
		-Sorted category -Renamed Defect Category -Renamed Defect Category ID -Provided size and location requirement for defects that could be Major and Minor
10/28/2022	Elizabeth Armstrong	ASC05 - added MINOR and Locations
		EMB09 - updated to MAJOR
		FAB06 - added MINOR and Locations
		PRL02 - updated to CRITICAL
		PRL05 - updated to CRITICAL
		STN01 & STN04 - added MINOR
1/9/2022	Elizabeth Armstrong	STI09, STI16 & STI17 - added MINOR and Locations
		Added DCL ASC33