Dress

Place of origin: London (made)
Date: 2000 (made)
Artist/Maker: Posen, Zac, born 1981 (designer)
Central Saint Martin's College of Art & Design (designed under the direction of)
Materials and Techniques: Leather, silk lining
Credit Line: Given by Zac Posen
Museum number: T.213-2004
Gallery location: In Storage

Public access description
American designer Zac Posen created this dress while a fashion student in London studying at Central Saint Martins School of Art. The dress was part of a 2000 V & A exhibition, Curvaceous, and takes inspiration from historic undergarments in the Museum's collections. In this dress which is made of strips of leather Posen has employed the common undergarment fastening of hooks and eyes to the extreme: the only seams in the dress are at the neck and shoulders. Posen returned to New York and founded his own fashion label shortly after this dress was displayed. He now sells his clothes across the US, Europe and Asia.

Descriptive line
Leather strips with hook and eye closures, Zac Posen, 2000, USA

Physical description
Full-length, high-collared dress with long sleeves made from numerous thin strips of brown leather. Each strip is attached to the next with many hooks and eyes. The collar is lined with brown silk.

Dimensions
Length: 153 cm, Circumference: 775 mm, Circumference: 742 mm, Width: 420 mm

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