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## Standard Specification for Bonded Rubber Crumb Floor Coverings<sup>1</sup>

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the requirements for the compound and physical characteristics of bonded rubber crumb floor coverings.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The SI units values given in parentheses are for information only—mathematical conversions to SI units that are provided for information only and are not considered standard.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety, health, and environmental practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

1.4 *This international standard was developed in accordance with internationally recognized principles on standardization established in the Decision on Principles for the Development of International Standards, Guides and Recommendations issued by the World Trade Organization Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.*

### 2. Referenced Documents

#### 2.1 ASTM Standards:<sup>2</sup>

D883 Terminology Relating to Plastics

D1566 Terminology Relating to Rubber

D3389 Test Method for Coated Fabrics Abrasion Resistance (Rotary Platform Abrader)

F137 Test Method for Flexibility of Resilient Flooring Materials with Cylindrical Mandrel Apparatus

F141 Terminology Relating to Resilient Floor Coverings

F386 Test Method for Thickness of Resilient Flooring Materials Having Flat Surfaces

F710 Practice for Preparing Concrete Floors to Receive Resilient Flooring

F925 Test Method for Resistance to Chemicals of Resilient Flooring

F970 Test Method for Measuring Recovery Properties of Floor Coverings after Static Loading

F1482 Practice for Installation and Preparation of Panel Type Underlayments to Receive Resilient Flooring

F1514 Test Method for Measuring Heat Stability of Resilient Flooring by Color Change

F2055 Test Method for Size and Squareness of Resilient Floor Tile by Dial Gage Method

F2199 Test Method for Determining Dimensional Stability and Curling Properties of Resilient Flooring after Exposure to Heat

#### 2.2 American National Standard:<sup>3</sup>

ANSI/ASQ Z1.4 Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Attributes

### 3. Terminology

#### 3.1 Definitions:

3.1.1 *crumb rubber, n*—Material derived from reducing rubber material into smaller granules. The granular material shall (1) satisfy the definition of rubber in Terminology D1566, and (2) have been vulcanized, as defined in Terminology D1566 (under vulcanization), such that it becomes thermoset as defined in Terminology D883.

3.1.2 *skive, vt*—to cut thin layers off (leather or rubber, for example); pare.

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<sup>2</sup> For referenced ASTM standards, visit the ASTM website, www.astm.org, or contact ASTM Customer Service at service@astm.org. For Annual Book of ASTM Standards volume information, refer to the standard's Document Summary page on the ASTM website.

<sup>3</sup> Available from American National Standards Institute (ANSI), 25 W. 43rd St., 4th Floor, New York, NY 10036, http://www.ansi.org.



3.1.3 *skive marks, n*—marks left on the material from the process of skiving; blade marks; striations.

3.2 For additional definitions refer to Terminology F141.

#### 4. Classification

4.1 Bonded rubber crumb floor coverings covered by this specification shall be classified as follows:

4.1.1 Type:

4.1.1.1 Type I – Roll

4.1.1.2 Type II – Tile

4.1.2 Class – Recycled content by weight

4.1.2.1 Class A – Recycled content  $\geq 80$  %

4.1.2.2 Class B – Recycled content  $\geq 50$  % and  $< 80$  %

4.1.2.3 Class C – Recycled content  $\geq 10$  % and  $< 50$  %

4.1.2.4 Class D – Recycled content  $< 10$  %

#### 5. Ordering Information

5.1 The purchasers shall state whether this specification is to be used, select the preferred options permitted herein, and include the following information in the invitation to bid or purchase order:

5.1.1 Title, number and date of this specification.

5.1.2 Type, class and pattern number.

5.1.3 Quantity, in square feet, lineal feet or as specified.

5.1.4 Roll thickness required (see 8.1.1).

5.1.5 Roll width required (see 8.1.2).

5.1.6 Roll length required (see 8.1.2).

5.1.7 Tile thickness required (see 8.2.1).

5.1.8 Tile size required (see 8.2.2).

5.1.9 Lot information, if other than as specified in ANSI/ASQC Z1.4.

5.1.10 Packing requirements, if other than as specified.

5.1.11 Palletization, if required.

5.1.12 Other requirements.

#### 6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 The color, finish and wearing surface characteristics shall match the sample mutually agreed upon between the buyer and seller.

NOTE 1—The colors and patterns that are available are indicated in individual manufacturer's current catalogs. As manufactured, and due to the uncontrollable characteristics of the raw material, colors may vary somewhat in hue or shade from the catalog.

NOTE 2—Differences in color and texture can result in shading variation from piece to piece. Color and texture differences or striation is inherent in the manufacturing process and is not considered a defect.

NOTE 3—Where color match is a concern, samples from the manufacturer shall be obtained to verify color or shade acceptability, or both.

6.2 Bonded rubber crumb flooring shall be of uniform structure and composition throughout, consisting of rubber granules thoroughly and uniformly bonded together.

#### 7. Performance Requirements

7.1 *Abrasion Resistance*—Test in accordance with Test Method D3389 method B and with the abrader equipped with H-18 wheels and a load of 500 g. The flooring shall not lose more than 1 g after 1000 cycles.

7.2 *Flexibility*:

7.2.1 *Material measuring 0.25 in. (6.35 mm) or thinner*—Test in accordance with Test Method F137, both face-in and face-out, using a 0.25 in. (6.35 mm) mandrel. The flooring shall show no tears, flakes, or splitting of the product matrix.

7.2.2 *Material measuring more than 0.25 in. (6.35 mm)*—Test in accordance with Test Method F137, both face-in and face-out, using a mandrel of the same diameter as the material thickness. The flooring shall show no tears, flakes or splitting of the product matrix.

7.3 *Static Load Limit*—Test in accordance with Test Method F970, with an applied load of 250 lb (113.4 kg).

7.3.1 Bonded rubber crumb flooring shall have a residual indentation of not more than 0.005 in. (0.127 mm).

NOTE 4—Test Method F970 is suitable only for tiles up to 1 in. thick.

7.4 *Dimensional Stability*—Test in accordance with Test Method F2199.

7.4.1 Bonded rubber crumb flooring shall not change in linear dimensions more than nominal 0.050 in. per linear foot ( $\pm 0.40$  %).

NOTE 5—Test Method F2199 is suitable only for tiles up to 1 in. thick.