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## Standard Specification for Heterogeneous Polyurethane Sheet Flooring<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>ε1</sup> NOTE—Thickness, product in Table 1 was updated editorially to match the overall thickness description in 9.1 in February 2022.

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### 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers the requirements for the compound and physical characteristics of heterogeneous polyurethane sheet flooring that is printed or otherwise decorated to achieve a pattern or visual and protected by a clear wear layer.

1.2 This specification covers heterogeneous polyurethane sheet flooring that shall be composed of binder, fillers, and pigments. The binder shall consist of one or more resins of polyurethane, polyurethane copolymers or other suitable or any desirable combination. Other suitable polymeric resins may be incorporated as part of the binder, provided the polyurethane portion of the binder is greater than 60 % in the base layer.

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

1.4 *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.*

1.5 *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>

**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

**F925** Test Method for Resistance to Chemicals of Resilient Flooring

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

**F410** Test Method for Wear Layer Thickness of Resilient Floor Coverings by Optical Measurement

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

**F1515** Test Method for Measuring Light Stability of Resilient Flooring by Color Change

**F1914** Test Methods for Short-Term Indentation and Residual Indentation of Resilient Floor Covering

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

2.2 *ISO Standard:*<sup>3</sup>

**ISO 4918 Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings — Castor chair test**

2.3 *ANSI Standard:*<sup>4</sup>

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

### 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions:* For definitions of other terms used in this standard, see Terminology **F141**.

3.1.1 *polyurethane, n*—a polymer composed of organic units joined by carbamate (urethane) links. Polyurethanes can be thermosetting (duroplastic) or thermoplastic polymers.

### 4. Classification

4.1 Polyurethane sheet flooring covered by this specification shall be classified as: heterogeneous polyurethane sheet flooring with a clear wear layer. The surface structure can be either smooth or embossed.

### 5. Ordering Information

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

5.1.1 Title, number, and date of this specification;

5.1.2 Pattern number;

5.1.3 Quantity in square feet;

5.1.4 Size required (**9.2**);

5.1.5 Thickness required (**9.1**);

5.1.6 Lot formation if other than as specified in ANSI/ASQC Z1.4 (see Sections **11** and **13**);

5.1.7 Sampling if other than as specified in ANSI/ASQC Z1.4 (see Sections **11** and **13**);

5.1.8 Packing requirements if other than as specified (Section **16**);

5.1.9 Palletization if required (agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser);

5.1.10 Marking required if other than specified (Section **15**) (agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser);

5.1.11 Chemical Resistance (**8.1**). The basic chemicals used in the test are those likely to be found in domestic, commercial and institutional use. Many proprietary compounds contain one or more of these basic chemicals. Should the flooring for unusual application need to be resistant to a specific chemical, this additional requirement should become part of the procurement document;

5.1.12 Other requirements (agreement between the manufacturer and the purchaser).

### 6. Materials and Manufacture

6.1 *Wear Layer:*

6.1.1 The flooring wear layer consists of polyurethane or other suitable combinations that minimally provide the same results as listed in **Table 1**.

<sup>3</sup> Available from International Organization for Standardization (ISO), ISO Central Secretariat, Chemin de Blandonnet 8, CP 401, 1214 Vernier, Geneva, Switzerland, <https://www.iso.org>.

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