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# Standard Test Method for Determining Dimensional Stability of Resilient Floor Tile after Exposure to Heat<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This test method covers the determination of the change in linear dimensions of resilient floor tile after exposure to heat.

1.2 The values stated in inch-pound units shall be regarded as the 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 and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

E 177 Practice for Use of the Terms Precision and Bias in ASTM Test Methods<sup>2</sup>

E 691 Practice for Conducting an Interlaboratory Study to Determine the Precision of a Test Method<sup>2</sup>

F 141 Terminology Relating to Resilient Floor Coverings<sup>3</sup>

F 536 Test Method for Size of Resilient Floor Tile by Dial Gage Method<sup>3</sup>

F 2055 Test Method for Size and Squareness of Resilient Floor Tile by Dial Gage Method<sup>3</sup>

## 3. Terminology

3.1 Definitions are in accordance with Terminology F 141 unless otherwise indicated.

## 4. Significance and Use

4.1 The final appearance of an installed tile floor depends upon several factors. These include but are not limited to size and squareness of the tile, the quality of joint cut, the quality and preparation of the subfloor and the skill of the installer. Long term appearance of the installed floor is also dependent on but not limited to the ability of the tile to resist shrinkage

due to internal stress relief. This test method is used to measure the ability of floor tile to retain its original dimensions following exposure to heat simulating a long service life at reasonable and expected temperatures.

## 5. Apparatus

5.1 *Mechanical Convection-Type Oven, or equivalent*, capable of maintaining a temperature of  $180 \pm 3.6^\circ\text{F}$  ( $82 \pm 2^\circ\text{C}$ ), with inside dimensions large enough to hold several tiles horizontally on aluminum exposure plates.

5.2 *Specimen Exposure Plates*, consisting of flat 14-gage, 0.0625-in. (1.6-mm), thick aluminum. The aluminum exposure plates may be contained in a rack, either fixed in or removable from the rack, and should be at least 1 in. (25.4 mm) larger in each linear dimension than the linear dimension of the specimen tested. If contained in a rack, the spacing between each plate should be at least 0.625-in. (16-mm). The rack shall be constructed with all four sides open.

5.3 *Block and Dial Gage Assembly*, as described in Test Method F 536 or F 2055.

5.4 *Forced Air Cooling (Fan, Blower, etc.)*, may be used for accelerating specimen conditioning before heating and after cooling exposure to ensure proper equilibrium of test specimen (see 6.1 and 7.1).

## 6. Test Specimen

6.1 The test specimen consists of a resilient floor tile. Typical floor tile dimensions are 9 by 9 in. (229 by 229 mm) or 12 by 12 in. (305 by 305 mm). Other sizes in square or rectangular dimensions may also be tested.

## 7. Conditioning

7.1 A conditioned room maintained at a temperature of  $73.4 \pm 1.8^\circ\text{F}$  ( $23 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$ ) and  $50 \pm 5\%$  relative humidity.

## 8. Procedure

8.1 *Reference Plates*—Different tile sizes, with respective reference plates, can be specified if the size and squareness apparatus is designed to handle the testing and measurement of alternate sizes.

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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 14.02.

<sup>3</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 15.04.