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TEST REPORT No. SY1270-2

Requested by: Forbo Floorcoverings Pty Ltd
on (date): 2 April 2007
Manufacturer: Forbo Floorcoverings
Product Desc.: Eternal - Mica

Sampling details:
Where: Delivered
Date: 11 April 2007
By whom: Courier
How (methods): N/A

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SUMMARY OF SLIP RESISTANCE TESTS PERFORMED:

		Result	Class
AS/NZS 4586:2004	Slip resistance classification of new pedestrian surface materials		
	Appendix A: WET Pendulum (Four S). Mean BPN:	38	X
	Appendix B: DRY (FFT). Mean COF:	0.55	F
	Appendix A,B: Dual classification:		XF
AS/NZS 4586:2004	Slip resistance classification of new pedestrian surface materials		
	Appendix C: WET/BAREFOOT Ramp		
	Mean angle of inclination:	13°	A
AS/NZS 4586:2004	Slip resistance classification of new pedestrian surface materials,		
	Appendix D: OIL-WET Ramp		
	Mean overall acceptance angle:	13.4°	R 10

In order to interpret the classifications, please refer to Standards Australia Handbook 197, An Introductory Guide to the Slip Resistance of Pedestrian Surface Materials, which recommends minimum classifications for a wide variety of locations.

It is important to realise that test results obtained on unused factory-fresh samples may not be directly applicable in service, where proprietary surface coatings, contamination, wear and subsequent cleaning all influence the behaviour of the pedestrian surface.

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SLIP RESISTANCE CLASSIFICATION OF NEW PEDESTRIAN SURFACE MATERIALS

WET PENDULUM TEST METHOD

TEST CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
AS/NZS 4586:2004 (Appendix A)

Test Date: 11 April 2007

RESULTS:	Location:	Highett Slip Resistance Laboratory	Rubber slider used: Four S
	Sample:	Fixed	Conditioned with grade P400 paper, dry
	Cleaning:	Acetone	
	Temperature:	23°C	

Pendulum Friction Tester: Stanley (S/N: 0312, calibrated 03/02/07)
Test conducted by: Peter Westgate

	Specimen 1	2	3	4	5
Last 3 swings	38	38	37	38	38
	38	38	37	38	38
	38	38	37	38	38
Averages	38	38	37	38	38

Mean BPN : 38

CLASS :

X

Where products are to be used in wet barefoot areas, it is more appropriate to test to Appendix C of AS/NZS 4586 (which is technically equivalent to DIN 51097).

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DRY FLOOR FRICTION TEST METHOD

TEST CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
AS/NZS 4586:2004 (Appendix B)

Test Date: 11 April 2007

RESULTS	Location:	Highett Slip Resistance Laboratory	Rubber Type: Four S Conditioned with grade P400 paper, dry
	Sample	Fixed	
	Cleaning:	Acetone	
	Temperature:	23°C	
	FFT measurements taken over 2 passes of 800mm each		

Floor Friction Tester: Tortus Mk II (S/N: 244)
Test conducted by: Peter Westgate

Run 1: Average COF: 0.56

Run 2: Average COF: 0.54

Mean COF: 0.55

According to AS/NZS 4586 the Dry Coefficient of Friction shall be reported as :
(mean rounded to the nearest 0.05)

0.55

CLASS :

F

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WET/BAREFOOT RAMP TEST METHOD

TEST CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
AS/NZS 4586:2004 (Appendix C)

Test Date: 11 April 2007

Location: Slip Resistance Laboratory

Sample Fixed

Joint width: mm

Surface structure:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smooth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Profiled
<input type="checkbox"/>	Structured

RESULTS

		Actual mean	Reported mean
Mean angle of inclination:	Calibration Board A:	12.78 °	13 °
	Calibration Board B:	18.16 °	18 °
	Calibration Board C:	25.10 °	25 °
Mean angle of inclination of Test Board:		12.93 °	13 °

CLASSIFICATION:

Quality Group:

A

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OIL-WET RAMP TEST METHOD

TEST CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
AS/NZS 4586:2004 (Appendix D)

Test Date: 11 April 2007

Location: Slip Resistance Laboratory

Sample Fixed

Joint width: mm

Surface structure:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smooth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Profiled
<input type="checkbox"/>	Structured

RESULTS

Mean overall acceptance angle: 13.4 °

Displacement space: not tested

CLASSIFICATION:

Slip Resistance Assessment Group:

R 10

Displacement Space Assessment Group:

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Consulting services are available if further detailed analysis of the test results are required.

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Addendum

DETERMINATION OF Rz SURFACE ROUGHNESS

(Using a Taylor-Hobson Surtronic 10 Rz roughness meter using a 0.8mm cut off length)

Test Date: 11 April 2007

RESULTS

Location: Slip Resistance Laboratory

Rz values

1	20.8
2	20.8
3	19.4
4	18.5
5	15.1
6	17.9
7	19.2
8	20.1
9	21.9
10	21.0

Surface Roughness (Rz) mean = 19.5 microns

BS 7976:2002, Pendulum Testers, requires a different test foot preparation (lapping paper) for pedestrian surfaces that have a Rz roughness of less than 15 microns. This lapping paper tends to reduce the pendulum result, sometimes appreciably. CSIRO recommends the use of this procedure (CSIRO COF1) as an adjunct to AS/NZS 4586. It helps to discriminate among products that have marginal wet slip resistance and to identify those that may be dangerous if wet.

The measurement of the various aspects of surface roughness is complex given the number of potential roughness parameters. While there is still some uncertainty as to exactly what type of roughness needs to be measured, peak-to-trough roughness (Rz) gives a useful guide to the likely slip resistance in wet conditions. Research has suggested that hard floors need to have a slightly higher Rz roughness than polymeric floors for the same degree of safety in wet conditions, but whatever flooring material is used an Rz roughness value of at least 10 microns is required where wet slip resistance may be required. In circumstances where wetness is normal or expected, this figure should be increased by a factor of 2 or more.

Greater peak surface roughnesses are likely to be required where floors slope or where the floor is likely to become contaminated with high viscosity liquids.