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Resilient floor coverings — Specification for rubber floor covering — Tile/Plank

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the characteristics of rubber floor tile/planks.

This International Standard includes a classification system based on intensity of use, which shows where resilient floor coverings should provide satisfactory service.

This International Standard specifies rubber floor tile/planks for applications involving the use of normal footwear and does not cover applications where special footwear, such as spiked shoes, may be involved.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4649-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of abrasion resistance using a rotating cylindrical drum device*

ISO 4918, *Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings — Castor chair test*[1)]

ISO 7619-1, *Rubber, vulcanized or thermoplastic — Determination of indentation hardness — Part 1: Durometer method (Shore hardness)*

ISO 10874, *Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings — Classification*

ISO 23999, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of dimensional stability and curling after exposure to heat*

ISO 24342, *Resilient and textile floor-coverings — Determination of side length, edge straightness and squareness of tiles*

ISO 24343-1, *Resilient and laminate floor coverings — Determination of indentation and residual indentation — Part 1: Residual indentation*

ISO 24344, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of flexibility and deflection*

ISO 24346, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of overall thickness*

ASTM D3389, *Standard Test Method for Coated Fabrics Abrasion Resistance (Rotary Platform Abrader)*

EN 663, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of conventional pattern depth*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1
rubber materials
polymeric binder in the *rubber* (3.2) floor covering satisfying the definition of rubber in ASTM D1566, and having been vulcanized such that it became *thermoset* (3.3) as defined in ASTM D883

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3.2
rubber
material that is capable of recovering from large deformations quickly and forcibly, and can be, or already is, modified to a state in which it is essentially insoluble (but can swell) in boiling solvent, such as benzene, methyl ethyl ketone, or ethanol-toluene azeotrope

Note 1 to entry: A rubber in its modified state, free of diluents, and retracts within 1 min to less than 1,5 times its original length after being stretched at room temperature (18 °C to 29 °C) to twice its length and held for 1 min before release.

3.3
thermoset
plastic that, after having been cured by heat or other means, is substantially infusible and insoluble

4 Categories of rubber floor coverings

Category A — Homogeneous rubber floor covering without backing — Floor covering based on natural and/or synthetic rubber with one or more layers of the same composition and colour, patterned throughout its thickness.

Category B — Heterogeneous rubber floor covering without backing — Floor covering based on natural and/or synthetic rubber consisting of a wear layer and other compact layers which differ in composition and/or design and can contain a reinforcement.

Category C — Floor covering with or without backing; with a decorative layer —Floor covering based on natural and/or synthetic rubber consisting of a decorative layer and other compact layers which differ in composition and/or design and can contain a reinforcement.

The thickness of the decorative layer shall at least reach the values given in the classification in Table 2. These values are based on the relationship of the appearance retained after removing a specified thickness and measuring the abrasion value.

The floor covering may have smooth, embossed, or reliefed pattern-wearing surfaces.

5 Requirements

All rubber floors shall conform to the appropriate general requirements specified in Table 1 when tested in accordance with the test methods given therein.

Table 1 — General requirements

Characteristic	Requirements		Test method
Tile or plank side length, mm Up to and including 305 mm × 305 mm For >305 mm but <610 mm For >610 mm	±0,4 mm ±0,45 mm ±0,5 mm		ISO 24342
Overall thickness; Tolerance on nominal total gauge	Average	Individual Results	Average
reliefed	Nominal value ±0,20 mm	Nominal value ± 0,25 mm	ISO 24346
smooth or embossed	Nominal value ±0,20 mm	Nominal value ± 0,25 mm	
Dimensional stability	**Tolerance allowed ±0,15 %**		ISO 23999

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