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Foreword

This European Standard has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 134 "Resilient and textile floor coverings", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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Annex A: Optional properties

Annex B: Supplementary information

Annex C: Bibliography

1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the requirements for cork floor coverings made from agglomerated composition cork supplied in tile form which are designed to be used with a factory finish and/or an insitu finish.

Cork floor coverings can be covered with other complementary layers of decorative materials, e.g. decorative cork or wood veneers, with or without applied colours.

This European Standard includes a classification system based on intensity of use which shows where cork floor tiles should give satisfactory service (see EN 685). It also specifies requirements for marking, labelling and packing.

2 Normative references

This European Standard incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of this publication apply to this European Standard only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN 424, *Resilient floor coverings - Determination of the effect of the simulated movement of a furniture leg*

EN 425, *Resilient floor coverings - Determination of the effect of a castor chair*

EN 427, *Resilient floor coverings - Determination of the side length and the squareness and straightness of tiles*

EN 428, *Resilient floor coverings - Determination of the overall thickness*

EN 430, *Resilient floor coverings - Determination of mass per unit area*

EN 433, *Resilient floor coverings - Determination of residual indentation after static load*

EN 434, *Resilient floor coverings - Determination of dimensional stability and curling after exposure to heat*

EN 672, *Resilient floor coverings - Determination of apparent density of agglomerated cork*

EN 685, *Resilient floor coverings – Classification*

EN 12105, *Resilient floor coverings - Determination of moisture content of agglomerated cork*

EN 12466, *Resilient floor coverings – Vocabulary*

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard the following definition and those given in EN 12466 apply:

3.1

agglomerated composition cork

product obtained from the agglutination of cork granules with the addition of a binder

3.2

cork floor covering

floor covering the main component of which is agglomerated composition cork, intended to be used with a finish [EN 12466]

4 Requirements

4.1 General requirements

Cork floor coverings described in this standard shall conform to the appropriate general requirements specified in table 1, when tested in accordance with methods given therein.

4.2 Classification Requirements

Cork floor coverings described in this standard shall be classified as suitable for different levels of intensity of use in accordance with the performance requirements specified in table 2, when tested in accordance with the test methods stated therein.

Classification shall conform to the system specified in EN 685.

5 Marking, labelling and packing

Cork floor coverings that conform to the requirements of this standard shall be clearly and indelibly marked by the manufacturer either in their package or on an adhesive label with the following information:

- a) number and the year of this standard, i.e. EN 12104:1999;
- b) manufacturer's and/or or supplier's identification;
- c) product name including the finishing and batch number (possibly in code form);
- d) year of manufacture (last two digits);
- e) class/symbol of level of use;
- f) nominal dimensions and the area in square metres contained in a package;
- g) the warning that packages shall be stored shielded from direct sunlight and humidity.

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