

REPORT 67212/F

CONTINENTAL GRAFIX

SLIP RESISTANCE TESTING OF FLOORING PRODUCTS

Instruction: Email of instruction from Mr Roger Christ dated 9 March 2020

1. INTRODUCTION

We were instructed to undertake testing of four flooring products in order to establish slip resistance characteristics.

2. SAMPLES RECEIVED

Eight samples (four sets of two specimens each) were received at Sandberg laboratories on 17 March 2020.

Sandberg Reference	Advised Sample Type	Sample Size, mm
F98987 A+B	CatWalk (x2)	300 x 300
F98988 A+B	ClearWalk (x2)	300 x 300
F98989 A+B	TexWalk (x2)	300 x 300
F98990 A+B	AsphaltWalk (x2)	300 x 300

3. TEST METHODS AND TEST RESULTS

One specimen from each set was tested in accordance with BS7976-2:2002+A1:2013 using the TRL Portable skid resistance tester (pendulum tester). As instructed, tests were carried out in dry and wet conditions using the rubber slider No. 96 (previously known as 4S) in three directions, at 0°, 45° and 90°. After this was completed the test surface was cleaned using washing up liquid and water, and testing in dry conditions only was repeated.

Surface roughness measurements were also carried out using a Sutronic Duo Roughness meter whilst the slip resistance measurements were being made. The measurements were carried out in accordance with The Assessment of Floor Slip Resistance, guidelines recommended by the UK Slip Resistance Group, Issue 5, 2016.

The test results are given in Table 1.

4. REMARKS

The TRL pendulum tester has a range of reading from 0 to 150, high values indicating good slip resistance. Guidance on the interpretation of results using the 96 rubber slider is suggested by the UK Slip Resistance Group¹ as follows:-

Potential For Slip	Pendulum Test Value
High	0 to 24
Moderate	25 to 35
Low	36 +

The surface roughness measurements are a guide to slip resistance particularly in borderline regions. It is recognised that increased roughness of the floor surface can give an improvement in slip resistance in wet conditions.

Surfaces contaminated with pure water generally require a surface roughness of at least 10µm R_z to provide a moderate level of slip resistance and at least 20µmR_z to indicate low slip potential: more viscous contaminants require higher surface roughness².

The PTV results are summarised below:

Sandberg Reference	Advised Sample Type	Pendulum Test Value					
		Dry		Wet		Dry after clean	
		range	mean	range	mean	range	mean
F98987 A	CatWalk	59-61	60	30-32	31	62-63	62
F98988 A	ClearWalk	60-63	61	26-30	28	61-65	62
F98989 A	TexWalk	64-65	65	37-45	42	65-70	68
F98990 A	AsphaltWalk	all 60	60	all 45	45	59-60	60

The results reported here relate to the surface as tested. It should be noted however, that the slip resistance of surfaces in service can be changed by various factors such as abrasion, polishing and contamination. Overall assessment of the potential for slip should take into account conditions of used and the environment, in addition to results.

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¹ The Assessment of Floor Slip Resistance guidelines recommended by the UK Slip Resistance Group, Issue 5, 2016.

² Roughness measurements should not be relied upon of themselves to judge the likely slip resistance of a floor.

SLIP RESISTANCE TESTING USING THE PENDULUM TESTER
BS 7976:Part 2:2002+A1:2013

Date of Test

19/3 - 6/4/2020

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Rubber Slider Type:	96 (previously known as 4S)
Material Under Test:	Various

Sample Ref. Sandberg / Client	Advised Sample Details	Surface Roughness ¹ R _a , µm	Surface Temperature, °C Ambient/Surface	Orientation	Pendulum Test Value (mean)	
					Dry	Wet
F98987 A	CatWalk	53.5	21/21	A	59	32
				45° to A	60	30
				90° to A	61	30
F98987 A	CatWalk (after cleaning)	53.5	21/21	A	63	-
				45° to A	62	-
				90° to A	63	-
F98988 A	ClearWalk	42.8	21/21	A	60	26
				45° to A	60	27
				90° to A	63	30
F98988 A	ClearWalk (after cleaning)	42.8	21/21	A	65	-
				45° to A	61	-
				90° to A	62	-
F98989 A	TexWalk	38.3	21/21	A	64	37
				45° to A	65	45
				90° to A	65	45
F98989 A	TexWalk (after cleaning)	38.3	21/21	A	70	-
				45° to A	68	-
				90° to A	65	-
F98990 A	AsphaltWalk	55.5	21/21	A	60	45
				45° to A	60	45
				90° to A	60	45
F98990 A	AsphaltWalk (after cleaning)	55.5	21/21	A	60	-
				45° to A	60	-
				90° to A	59	-

1 Method : The Assessment of Floor Slip Resistance - The UK slip resistance Guidelines Issue 5 - 2016
ND = Not Determined

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