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TEST REPORT No. SY4634-1

Requested by: CaesarStone Australia Pty. Ltd.
on (date): 4 November 2008
Manufacturer: CaesarStone (Israel)
Product Desc.: 3000 Series (colour: white)

Sampling details:
Where: Delivered
Date: 20 November 2008
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 slider): Mean BPN:	26	Y [LOW*]

* = CSIRO classification

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: 24 November 2008

RESULTS: Location: North Ryde Slip Resistance Laboratory Rubber slider used: Four S
 Conditioned with grade P400 paper, dry
 Sample: Unfixed
 Cleaning: Distilled water
 Temperature: 23°C

Pendulum Friction Tester: Stanley (S/N: 0312, calibrated 28/02/07)
 Test conducted by: Hugh McMullen

	Specimen 1	2	3	4	5
Last 3 swings	25	26	26	25	26
	25	26	26	25	26
	25	25	26	24	25
Averages	25	26	26	25	26

Mean BPN : 26

CLASS :

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***CSIRO recommended classification of Slip Resistance as determined from:
 AS/NZS 4586: 2004 Slip Resistance Classification of New Pedestrian Surface Materials (Appendices A & D).**

Wet Pendulum Class	BPN 4S Rubber	CSIRO Class LOW	CSIRO Class MEDIUM	CSIRO Class HIGH
V	>54	54-57	58-61	>61
W	45-54	45-48	49-51	52-54
X	35-44	35-38	39-41	42-44
Y	25-34	25-28	29-31	32-34
Z	<25	<18	18-21	22-25
Oil Wet Ramp Class	Angle (degrees)	CSIRO Class LOW	CSIRO Class MEDIUM	CSIRO Class HIGH
R9	≥6 to <10	≥6 to 7.5	7.6 to 9	9.1 to 9.9
R10	≥10 to <19	≥10 to 12	12.1 to 15	15.1 to 18.9
R11	≥19 to <27	≥19 to 21	21.1 to 24	24.1 to 26.9
R12	≥27 to <35	≥27 to 29	29.1 to 32	32.1 to 34.9
R13	≥35	≥35 to 36	36.1 to 38	≥38.1

This table should not be read or relied upon without reference to the CSIRO/Standards Australia publication:
 AS/NZS 4586 Slip Resistance Classification of New Pedestrian Surface Materials (Appendices A & D).

CSIRO has categorized the AS4586 classifications into sub-groups Low, Medium & High. The slip resistance test classification is still determined according to AS 4586 Australian Standard (Appendices A & D). The added information of Low, Medium and High allows professionals to make a better judgement of pedestrian floor requirements.



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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: 24 November 2008

RESULTS

Location: Slip Resistance Laboratory

Rz values

1	5.0
2	3.6
3	4.0
4	4.3
5	3.6
6	3.4
7	6.6
8	5.5
9	4.2
10	3.9

Surface Roughness (Rz) mean = 4.4 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.