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or on polyester felt backing
or on a polyester felt with
a polyvinyl chloride backing
— Specification**

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Foreword

This document (EN 650:2012) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 134 "Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings", the secretariat of which is held by BSI.

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The following technical changes were introduced in this version:

- Wear group classification is based on one method (EN 660-2) instead of two (EN 660-1 and -2)
- A requirement on "wear layers" has been added
- A new table 3 was included. The original table 3 is now table 4.
- Annexes A and B were merged and new characteristics added (staining, cigarette resistance, curling when wet)

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1 Scope

This European Standard specifies the characteristics of floor coverings based on polyvinyl chloride and modifications thereof, on jute or polyester backing or on polyester felt with polyvinyl chloride backing, supplied in either tile or roll form.

To encourage the consumer to make an informed choice the standard includes a classification system (see EN 685) based on intensity of use, which shows where these floor coverings should give satisfactory service. It also specifies requirements for marking.

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.

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

EN 425, *Resilient and laminate floor coverings — Castor chair test*

EN 426, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of width, length, straightness and flatness of sheet material*

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

EN 428, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of overall thickness*

EN 429, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of the thickness of layers*

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

EN 431, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of peel resistance*

EN 432, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of shear force*

EN 433, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of residual indentation after static loading*

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

EN 436, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of density*

EN 660-2, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of wear resistance — Part 2: Frick-Taber test*

EN 661, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of the spreading of water*

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

EN 684, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of seam strength*

EN 685, *Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings — Classification*

EN 718, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of mass per unit area of a reinforcement or a backing of polyvinyl chloride floor coverings*

EN ISO 105-B02:1999, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part B02: Colour fastness to artificial light: Xenon arc fading lamp test (ISO 105-B02:1994, including amendment 1:1998)*

3 Terms and definitions

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

3.1

polyvinyl chloride floor covering on jute backing

floor covering consisting of a polyvinyl chloride surface layer applied to jute felt backing

3.2

polyvinyl chloride floor covering on polyester felt backing

floor covering consisting of a polyvinyl chloride surface layer applied to polyester felt backing

3.3

polyvinyl chloride floor covering on polyester felt with polyvinyl chloride backing

floor covering consisting of a polyvinyl chloride surface layer applied to polyester felt with a polyvinyl chloride backing

4 Requirements and testing

4.1 General requirements

Floor coverings described in this European Standard shall conform to the appropriate general requirements as specified in Table 1 when tested in accordance with the methods given therein.

4.2 Classification requirements

4.2.1 Wear group classification

Polyvinyl chloride floor coverings are classified in the appropriate wear group specified in EN 660-2.

Floor coverings described in this standard shall be classified in wear group T or P.

Floor coverings with a transparent wear layer are a priori group T and need not be tested

4.2.2 Wear layers

A homogeneous product shall retain its wear group classification throughout the thickness of the product if tested.

A wear layer shall retain its wear group classification throughout its thickness if tested.

4.2.3 Level of use classification

Floor coverings described in this European Standard shall be classified as suitable for different levels of use in accordance with the performance requirements specified in Table 3 and 4, when tested with the methods given therein. Classification shall conform to the scheme specified in EN 685.

Table 1 (2 of 2)

Curling after exposure to heat: Floor coverings on jute or polyester felt	mm ≤ 8	EN 434
Floor coverings on polyester felt with polyvinyl chloride backing: sheets and tiles intended for welding tiles intended for dry-joint laying	≤ 8 ≤ 2	
Colour fastness to artificial light	6 minimum	EN ISO 105-B02:1999 Method 3 ^a
Peel resistance average individual results	N/50 mm ≥ 50 ≥ 40	EN 431
Shear force of backing (for jute backing only) average individual results	≥ 360 ≥ 280	EN 432
Spreading of water ^b	The time for water to spread to one edge of a test specimen shall be greater than 16 h	EN 661
^a Expose a full size of test specimen. Store a further test specimen in the dark, which will constitute the reference standard for assessment of colour change.		
^b For floor coverings, other than those on jute backing, intended for use under moist conditions.		

Table 2 — Classification requirements for wear groups

Characteristic	Requirements for wear group				Test method
	T	P	M	F	
volume loss F_v mm ³	$F_v \leq 2,0$ ^a	$2,0 < F_v \leq 4,0$	$4,0 < F_v \leq 7,5$	$7,5 < F_v \leq 15,0$	EN 660-2
^a If tested for verification.					

Table 3 — Classification requirements for level of use (1 of 2)

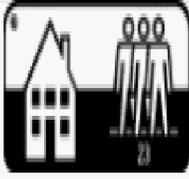
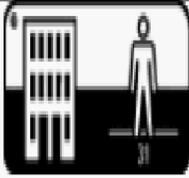
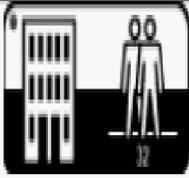
Class	Symbol ^d	Level of use	Thickness of wear layer. Nominal value ^c , mm		Conventional pattern of depth. Nominal value (minimum), mm		Effect of castor chair	Simulated movement of a furniture leg	Seam strength when welded in accordance with manufacturer's instructions N/50 mm		
			T	P	T	P					
21		domestic moderate	0,15	0,20	0,13	0,15	No requirement	No requirement			
22		domestic general	0,20	0,30	0,15	0,18				No damage shall be visible after testing with a type 3 foot	
22+		domestic general	0,20	0,30	0,15	0,18					
23		domestic heavy	0,25	0,40	0,18	0,20					
31		commercial moderate	0,25	0,40	0,18	0,20					
32 ^{a b}		commercial general	0,35	0,50	0,30	-		No disturbance to the surface other than slight change in appearance and no delamination shall occur		No damage shall be visible after testing with a type 2 foot	Average value ≥ 150 Individual values ≥ 120

Table 3 (2 of 2)

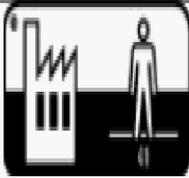
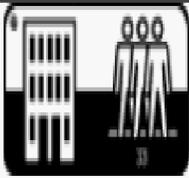
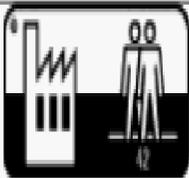
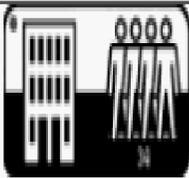
41 ^b		light industrial moderate	0,35	0,50	0,30	-	No disturbance to the surface other than slight change in appearance and no delamination shall occur	No damage shall be visible after testing with a type 2 foot	Average value ≥ 240 Individual values ≥ 180
33 ^b		commercial heavy	0,50	0,65	-	-			
42 ^b		light industrial general	0,50	0,65	-	-			
34 ^b		commercial very heavy	0,65	1,00	-	-			
Test method			EN 429		EN 663		EN 425	EN 424	EN 684
<p>^a Floor coverings on polyester felt backing.</p> <p>^b Floor coverings on polyester felt with polyvinyl chloride backing.</p> <p>^c The average value shall be the nominal value with a tolerance of + 13 % / - 10 % but not more than 0,1 mm. Individual values shall not vary more than 0,05 mm or 15 % below the average, whichever is the greater. Where this requirement is not met by only one individual value, however, the test shall be repeated once more.</p> <p>^d The floor symbols can be found at http://www.floorsymbols.com</p>									

Table 4 - Classification requirements for level of use

Class	Symbol	Level of use	Underfoot comfort Indentation after static loading (average), mm	Residual indentation after static loading (average), mm		
				Floor coverings on jute backing	Floor coverings on polyester felt	Floor coverings on polyester felt with polyvinyl chloride backing
21		domestic moderate	≥ 0,40 when measured after 15 s under load	≤ 0,50	≤ 0,40	≤ 0,35
22		domestic general				
22+		domestic general				
23		domestic heavy				
31		commercial moderate				
32		commercial general	No requirement	Not suitable	Not suitable	≤ 0,20
41		light industrial moderate				
33		commercial heavy				
42		light industrial general				
34		commercial very heavy				
Test method			EN 433			

5 Marking

Floor coverings covered by this standard and/or their packaging shall bear the following marking:

- a) number and date of this European Standard, i.e. EN 650:2012;
- b) manufacturer's or supplier's identification;
- c) product name;
- d) colour/pattern, and batch number and, if applicable, roll number;
- e) classes/symbols appropriate for the product;
- f) for rolls: the length, width and thickness;
- g) for tiles: the dimensions of a tile and the area in square metres contained in a package.

Annex A (informative)

Optional properties

Where the following properties are required for specific applications, the floor covering should be tested in accordance with the appropriate methods:

- electrical resistance (EN 1081);
- electrostatic propensity (EN 1815);
- effect of stains (EN 423);
- cigarette resistance (EN 1399);
- curling on exposure to moisture (EN 662);
- volatile loss (EN 664);
- exudation of plasticizers (EN 665);
- gelling (EN 666).

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