
**Resilient floor coverings —
Homogeneous poly(vinyl chloride)
floor covering — Specifications**

*Revêtements de sol résilients — Revêtements de sol homogènes en
poly(chlorure de vinyle) — Specifications*

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Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 219, *Floor coverings*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 10581:2011), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- Class 22+ was eliminated in [Table 3](#).
- the Level of use descriptions in [Table 3](#) were revised for Classes 21 and 22.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the characteristics of homogeneous floor coverings, based on poly(vinyl chloride), supplied in either tile or roll form. Products can contain a transparent, non-PVC factory finish.

To encourage the consumer to make an informed choice, this document also includes a classification system (see ISO 10874) based on intensity of use, which shows where these floor coverings give satisfactory service. It also specifies requirements for marking.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 105-B02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part B02: Colour fastness to artificial light: Xenon arc fading lamp test*

ISO 4918, *Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings — Castor chair test*

ISO 16906, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of seam strength*

ISO 23997, *Resilient floor coverings — Determination of mass per unit area*

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

ISO 24341, *Resilient and textile floor coverings — Determination of length, width and straightness of sheet*

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 F 1515, *Standard test method for measuring light stability of resilient flooring by color change*

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 poly(vinyl chloride) floor covering

floor covering with surface layers which are produced using poly(vinyl chloride) as binder

3.2 homogeneous floor covering

floor covering with one or more layers of the same composition and colour, patterned throughout its thickness

3.3 factory finish

transparent coating applied during manufacture

Note 1 to entry: The factory finish is usually not thicker than 0,03 mm.

Note 2 to entry: This coating should not be counted as part of the wear layer.

3.4 binder content

portion of the flooring composition, consisting of poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC) resin, plasticizers and stabilizers

Note 1 to entry: Binder content is expressed as a percentage mass fraction of the total composition.

4 Requirements

4.1 Identification requirements

Products described in this document shall be identified by binder content by weight as shown in [Table 1](#).

Table 1 — Identification requirements

Type	Minimum binder content	Maximum binder content
	%	%
I	>55	—
II	35	55
III	25	<35

4.2 General requirements

Floor coverings described in this document shall conform to the appropriate general requirements specified in [Table 2](#) when tested in accordance with the methods given therein. [Annex A](#) provides additional optional test methods.

Table 2 — General minimum requirements

Characteristic	Unit	Requirement	Test method
Roll form:		Not less than the nominal values	ISO 24341
Length	m		
Width	m		

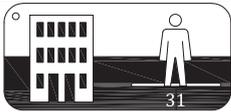
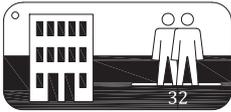
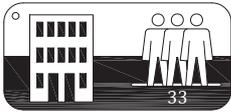
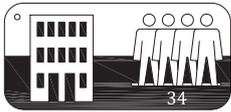
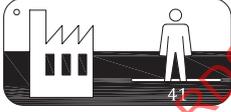
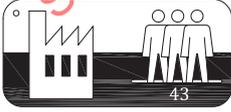
Table 2 (continued)

Characteristic	Unit	Requirement	Test method
Tiles:			ISO 24342
Side length	mm	Deviation $\leq 0,13$ % of nominal length up to 0,5 mm maximum	
Squareness and straightness for side length		Deviation allowed at any point	
≤ 400 mm	mm	$\leq 0,25$	
> 400 mm	mm	$\leq 0,35$	
> 400 mm (intended for heat welding)	mm	$\leq 0,50$	
Overall thickness:			ISO 24346
Average	mm	Nominal value +0,15 -0,10	
Individual results	mm	Shall not be more than $\pm 0,15$ from the average value.	
Mass per unit area			ISO 23997
Average	g/m ²	Nominal value - 10 % to +13 %	
Residual indentation (average)	mm	$\leq 0,1$	ISO 24343-1
Dimensional stability after exposure to heat:			ISO 23999
Sheets and tiles intended for welding		$\leq 0,40$ %	
Tiles (intended for dry-joint laying)		$\leq 0,25$ %	
Flexibility		20 mm mandrel, no cracking For products which show signs of cracking, perform a further test using a 40 mm mandrel. If results show no further cracking, record the use of a 40 mm mandrel.	ISO 24344, Method A
Effect of castor chair		After 25 000 cycles, no delamination shall occur. No disturbance to the surface other than slight change in appearance.	ISO 4918
Colour fastness to artificial light		6 minimum Or $\Delta E \leq 8$ after 300 h	ISO 105-B02, Method 3 ASTM F 1515

5 Classification

The classification scheme for resilient floor coverings is described in ISO 10874. Homogeneous poly(vinyl chloride) floor covering in accordance with this scheme shall be as specified in [Table 3](#).

Table 3 — Classification minimum requirements for level of use

Class	Symbol	Level of use	Overall thickness, nominal value mm			Seam strength N/50 mm
			Type I	Type II	Type III	
Domestic						
21		Moderate	1,0	1,0	1,0	No requirement.
22		General	1,5	1,5	1,5	
23		Heavy	1,5	1,5	1,5	
Commercial						
31		Moderate	1,5	1,5	1,5	When welded in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions: Average value ≥ 240 . Individual values ≥ 180 .
32		General	1,5	1,5	2,0	
33		Heavy	2,0	2,0	2,0	
34		Very heavy	2,0	2,0	2,5	
Light industrial						
41		Moderate	1,5	1,5	2,0	Individual values ≥ 180 .
42		General	2,0	2,0	2,0	
43		Heavy	2,0	2,0	2,5	
Test method			ISO 24346	ISO 24346	ISO 24346	ISO 16906

6 Marking, labelling and packaging

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

- a) number and date of this document, i.e. ISO 10581:—;
- b) manufacturer or supplier identification;

- c) product name;
- d) colour/pattern, batch number and, if applicable, roll number;
- e) classes/symbols appropriate for the product;
- f) for rolls: the length, width and thickness; and
- g) for tiles: the dimensions of a tile and the area in square metres contained in the package.

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