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# Machine-made textile floor coverings — Sampling and cutting specimens for physical tests

## 1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard specifies a procedure to be followed when samples are taken either from a bulk supply of machine-made textile floor coverings or from specially produced material, and when specimens are cut from these samples if such specimens are to be used for physical tests.

It is accepted that the sample taken may not necessarily be completely representative of the bulk. It is recommended that the method of sampling be previously agreed by the parties interested in the results of the test.

The procedure is applicable to machine-made textile floor coverings with or without pile.

## 2 Principle

Procedures are given for the selection of a sample and for the selection of test specimens from that sample in such a way that they are as representative of the bulk as possible.

## 3 Procedure

**3.1** Take any sample across the whole production width of the product, excluding any portion normally trimmed off during the production process.

**3.2** Examine the sample and note and record any physical variation across the sample. Such variations would include, for instance, rows of long or short tufts or variations in pile-lie or use-surface between different parts of the sample.

**3.3** Where the specimens are required to be square or rectangular in shape, cut them so that the edges are parallel to the warp and weft directions or, in certain types of textile floor covering, parallel and at right angles to the machine production direction. If the sample does not have a perfectly square construction, still cut the specimens as described above and note in the report the fact that a slightly skew specimen is produced.

**3.4** Cut the specimen so that no part of it lies within 100 mm of the selvedge or edge of tufts forming the actual pile, such an edge running in the machine production direction.

**3.5** If the sample is woven between sections without pile or if its positional origin is unknown, cut specimens so that no part is within 300 mm of the weftwise edge, or edge at right angles to the machine direction. If it is known that the weft cut was more than 300 mm from a pile change, then cut the specimen so that no part of it lies within 50 mm of a weft edge or edge at right angles to the machine direction.

**3.6** If more than one specimen is to be cut from the sample, dispose them equally and as widely as possible over the available sample area, ensuring that (where the construction allows) the specimens do not contain the same warp and weft threads. If duplication is inevitable, then avoid taking repeated specimens in the direction of machine production. Note in the report any duplication which occurs. The figure illustrates the preferred way to take four test specimens.

NOTE — For products manufactured from cross-laid webs, it is preferable to avoid duplication in the direction at right angles to the direction of machine production.