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# TEST REPORT

SLIP RESISTANCE CLASSIFICATION OF  
NEW PEDESTRIAN SURFACE MATERIALS

AS/NZ: 4586.2004

Appendix A - Wet Pendulum Testing

*Prepared For:*

Advance Flooring Systems

*Product Description:*

Grabo Strong Safety Vinyl, Grey, Vinyl, 20x20cm

*Issue Date: 18-04-2024*

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## TEST REPORT- Wet Pendulum Slip Resistance Classification (New Zealand Standard)

**Report Prepared for:** Advance Flooring Systems  
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**Contract #:** 8006

**Test Date:** 16/04/2024  
**Test Site:** Independent Slip Testing Services- Slip Resistance Testing Facility (Three Kings NZ)  
**Testing Technician:** C.Kleinhaus  
**Testing Instrument:** Pendulum Skid Tester with Slider 96 (4S) rubber. Reported Uncertainty for testing device: 3.0 BPN  
Testing Instrument W6- Serial #: W1041

### TESTING SPECIMEN DESCRIPTION, SIZE, COLOUR, TYPE, & COATING (if applicable)

1. 1x Grabo Strong Safety Vinyl, Grey, Vinyl, Sample Size 20x20cm
2. 1x Grabo Strong Safety Vinyl, Grey, Vinyl, Sample Size 20x20cm
3. 1x Grabo Strong Safety Vinyl, Grey, Vinyl, Sample Size 20x20cm
4. 1x Grabo Strong Safety Vinyl, Grey, Vinyl, Sample Size 20x20cm
5. 1x Grabo Strong Safety Vinyl, Grey, Vinyl, Sample Size 20x20cm

<b>Surface Condition:</b>	Fine Textured	<b>Cleaning:</b>	Tested as received
<b>Fixed/ Unfixed:</b>	Unfixed	<b>Rz Mean:</b>	n/a
<b>Environmental Conditions:</b>	Internal- Non airconditioned	<b>Air Temp:</b>	23 Deg.C
<b>Direction of Test:</b>	As indicated on underside of sample	<b>Slope:</b>	n/a

### INTERPRETATION OF THE WET PENDULUM RESULTS

Classification	Pendulum mean BPN Slider 96 (4S) rubber	Notional contribution of the floor surface to the risk of slipping when wet
V	>54	Very Low
W	45-54	Low
X	35-44	Moderate
Y	25-34	High
Z	<25	Very High

### TEST RESULTS

Specimen	#1 Result:	44 BPN	Slider condition (P400):	83 BPN
	#2 Result:	42 BPN	Temperature adjustment:	n/a
	#3 Result:	45 BPN		
	#4 Result:	43 BPN		
	#5 Result:	44 BPN		

### CLASSIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION	PENDULUM MEAN BPN Slider 96 (4S) rubber	NOTIONAL CONTRIBUTION OF THE FLOOR SURFACE TO THE RISK OF SLIPPING WHEN WET
<b>X</b>	<b>44 BPN</b>	<b>Moderate</b>

*The mean results of the five specimens is reported (rounded to nearest whole number)*

*^ When an individual result both below the result classification and below the mean result minus 20% shall be considered of lower classification*

Maximum Slope Design Value (Internal):	4.5 deg
Maximum Slope Design Value (External):	N/A

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Signatory: Mick Walton



Testing was carried out using the Wet Pendulum Test Method  
in accordance with New Zealand Standard AS/NZS.4586:2004

## TEST PRODUCT IMAGE

**Product Description:** Grabo Strong Safety Vinyl, Grey, Vinyl,  
20x20cm

**Test Date:** 16-04-2024



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## END OF TEST REPORT

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## WET TEST RESULTS INTERPRETATION GUIDE (NEW ZEALAND STANDARD)

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### INTERPRETING WET TEST RESULTS

#### How to interpret your wet test report...

Wet test results offer five possible outcomes- classification 'V', 'W', 'X', 'Y' or 'Z'.

The classification 'Z' reflects a lesser slip resistant surface, while 'V' classification reflects the greatest slip resistance classification.

- Step 1.** If the test result classification reported meets (or exceeds) the related classification from 'TABLE 1' below, the test surface is meeting the relevant requirement.

**\*TABLE 1**

Pedestrian flooring selection guide- Minimum pendulum recommendations for specific locations (HB197:1999)

Location	Pendulum
1. External colonnade, walkways & pedestrian crossings	W
2. External ramps	V
3. Entry foyers hotel, office & public buildings -wet areas	X
4. Entry foyers hotel, office & public buildings -dry areas	Z
5. Shopping centre (excluding food court)	Z
6. Shopping centre food court	X
7. Internal ramps, slopes (greater than 2 degrees) -dry areas	X
8. Lift lobbies above external entry level	Z
9. Other separate shops inside shopping centres	Z
10. Other shops with external entrances- entry area	X
11. Fast food outlets, buffet food servery areas	X
12. Hospitals and aged care facilities- dry areas	Z
13. Hospitals and aged care facilities- ensuites	X
14. Supermarket aisles except fresh food areas	Z
15. Shop and supermarket fresh fruit & vegetable areas	X
16. Communal changing rooms	X
17. Swimming pool surrounds and communal shower rooms	W
18. Swimming pool ramps and stairs leading to water	V
19. Toilet facilities in offices, hotels, shopping centres	X
20. Undercover concourse areas of sports stadium	X
21. Accessible internal stair nosings (dry areas)- handrails present	X
22. Accessible internal stair nosings (wet areas)- handrails present	W
23. External stair nosings	W

**\*TABLE 2**

Classification of Pedestrian Surface Materials (AS/NZS.4586:2004)

Interpretation of the Wet Pendulum Results (AS/NZS.4663:2004)

Pendulum* mean BPN		Classification	Notional contribution of the floor surface to the risk of slipping when water wet
Four S rubber	TRL rubber		
>54	>44	V	(Very Low)
45-54	40-44	W	(Low)
35-44	-	X	(Moderate)
25-34	-	Y	(High)
<25	-	Z	(Very High)

### TREATMENT OPTIONS

For surfaces that achieve a BPN result below the recommendations the following are options are available to increase slip resistance and Reduce Your Risk!

*While ISTS is solely an audit service, following is a short list of common types of treatments we see our clients using to improve the slip resistance of various pedestrian surface materials...*

<b>Cleaning procedures</b>	Detergent residues can build up over time with heavy detergent use.
<b>Acid etching</b>	For tiled surfaces. Can vary in performance with different tile types.
<b>Wet sand/ Soda blasting</b>	To obtain a textured finish to tiles and other hard surfaces (may require sealing).
<b>Shot blasting</b>	More extreme treatment to wet sand blasting (may require sealing).
<b>Textured coatings</b>	Ensure a consistent texture is achieved.
<b>Surface replacement</b>	Replacement surface may be the most cost effective option in some locations

*An internet search for 'flooring treatments' will identify surface treatment professionals in your local area. ISTS recommends sourcing a number of detailed proposals when considering treatments, outlining expected slip resistance improvements, visual changes, clean ability and life expectancy.*

### ADDITIONAL NOTES & REFERENCES

**R' Ratings** The Ramp 'R' ratings are obtained using the ramp test. An 'R' rating can not be achieved for in-situ testing. There is no correlation between 'R' ratings and wet pendulum test results.

**References** \*Table 1- HB197:1999 "An Introductory Guide to the Slip Resistance of Pedestrian Surface Materials" CSIRO 1999 and Standards Australia 1999

\*Table 2- AS/NZS.4586:2004 Slip resistance classification of new pedestrian surfaces & AS/NZS.4663:2004 Slip resistance measurement of existing pedestrian surfaces

*\*The information provided is intended as a guide only, consult the referenced publications for further information in regards to measurement results and recommendations*

## INTERPRETING DRY TEST RESULTS

### How to interpret your dry test report...

Dry test results offer two possible outcomes- classification 'F' or classification 'G'.

The classification 'G' reflects a less slip resistant surface, while the recommended 'F' classification reflects a greater slip resistant surface.

**Step 1.** Note the test location described in the left side column of your report, and the corresponding test result classification achieved (listed in the far right side column).

**Step 2.** If the test result classification listed is 'F', the test surface is meeting the relevant recommendations.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. The mean test average is $\geq 0.40$ , however the result is 'G' classification ?

A. The mean of the test results should be equal to or greater than 0.40 and each individual result should be equal to or greater than 0.35. If either of this criteria is not met, the lot shall be considered to be 'G' classification'.

### 2. What does \* and \*\* indicate?

A. \* Indicates part of a test run registered under 0.40.

\*\* Indicates part of a test run registered less than 0.35 resulting in a compulsory 'G' classification'.

### 3. Why are test results rounded to the nearest 0.05?

A. As described in the relevant standards, the mean result of Test 1 & Test 2 is rounded to nearest 0.05.

### 4. What is the classification requirement for particular locations as stated in publication SS 485:2011 Annex B?

A. The New Zealand testing standard indicates floors should have a dry floor friction classification of F unless normal usage dictates that the floor should have a low dry coefficient of friction, eg. dance floors.

### 5. How about dry testing for external areas?

A. Dry slip resistance measurement does not apply to external surfaces. If a pedestrian surface is likely to become wet and remain wet for any significant period of time, wet pendulum testing is the appropriate test method.

### 6. How do I improve the slip resistance of a surface currently achieving 'G' classification?

A. Many treatments and procedures are available to improve slip resistance. Treatment options will vary depending on the type of surface and whether a sealed or unsealed finish is required. Described on the right are a list of options to improve slip resistance and Reduce Your Risk!

**\*TABLE 3**

Classification of pedestrian surface materials according to the dry floor friction test.

Classification ( <i>Notional contribution to risk</i> ) (AS/NZS.4663:2004)	Test Result Mean Value (COF)
F (Moderate to Very Low)	$\geq 0.40$
G (High to Very High)	$< 0.40$

## TREATMENT OPTIONS

For test results that achieve a result below recommendations, the following treatment options are available to increase slip resistance and Reduce Your Risk!

*While ISTS is solely an audit service, following is a short list of common types of treatments we see our clients using to improve the slip resistance of various pedestrian surface materials...*

<b>Cleaning procedures</b>	Minimising detergent residue build up or other contaminants.
<b>Acid etching</b>	Increasing surface texture.
<b>Coatings and sealers</b>	Surface coatings and penetrative types.
<b>Surface texture</b>	Coatings, etchants, sandblasting, shot blasting, etc.
<b>Surface replacement</b>	May be the most cost effective option in some instances.

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## ADDITIONAL NOTES & REFERENCES

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