

Subject: 5.6mm Porcelain Tile Panels on Shower Floors

Shower floors:

There are currently no standards that address the required DCOF (Dynamic Coefficient of Friction) for any area other than “0.42 for level interior spaces expected to be walked upon when wet”. Shower floors by their requirement for slope to drain fall outside this distinction. With the advent of linear drains, larger pieces of tile can be used without the need to conform to a sloping center drain.

Having a DCOF of 0.42, as stated by the standard, does not necessarily mean appropriateness for all applications.

Since there are no standards for this application each user must make their own decision as to the appropriate DCOF of the flooring used for this purpose. Structure on the surface of the tile can provide some additional traction in areas where grout joints are not present.

The following list constitutes the panel surfaces where there is texture present and therefore the possibility of increased traction for this type of application. Again, applicability is the responsibility of the end user and/or specifier.

Stocking:

Pietra Di Savoia (all colors)
Bianco Lasa (bush hammered)
Diamond Cream (bush hammered)
Satori (all colors)

Special Order:

Emperador (all colors)
Nero Greco (bush hammered)
Tredi (all colors)
Statuarietto (bush hammered)
Arabascato (bush hammered)
Noir Desir (bush hammered)
Pietra Gray (bush hammered)