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TEST REPORT No. 3834

Requested by: Guardian Tactile Systems
on (date): 15 March, 2007
Manufacturer: Guardian Tactile Systems
Product Desc: Polyurethane Tactile Ground Surface Indicators
Yellow 300 x 300mm
Terracotta 300 x 300mm
Charcoal 300 x 300mm
Ivory 300 x 300mm

Sampling details:
Where: Delivered
Date: 15 March, 2007
By Whom: Client
How (methods): N/A

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Executive Summary

- Guardian Tactile Systems engaged CSIRO MMT to assess the properties of the polyurethane tactile ground support indicator samples within a defined test program:

ISO 10545-3	Determination of water absorption
AS 4459-4:1997	Determination of modulus of rupture and breaking strength
AS/NZS 4586:2004	Determination of Slip resistance
AS 1428.4-2002	Luminance
AS 1428.4-2002	Design for access and mobility – Tactile indicators
- The measured outcome of each assessment is stated in the Summary.

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SUMMARY OF TESTS PERFORMED:

ISO 10545-3 Determination of water absorption

Water Absorption – ISO10445-3	Tactile			
	Yellow	Terracotta	Charcoal	Ivory
Average water absorption	0.22%	0.21%	0.02%	0.20%
Apparent porosity	0.26%	0.26%	0.03%	0.23%
Apparent relative density	1.19	1.22	1.21	1.17
Bulb density	1.19	1.22	1.21	1.16

AS 4459-4:1997 Determination of modulus of rupture and breaking strength

Flexural Strength - AS 4459.4	Tactile			
	Yellow	Terracotta	Charcoal	Ivory
Breaking Load (N)	14	16	12	15
Breaking Strength (N)	13	15	12	14
Modulus of Rupture (N/mm ²)	8.29	9.79	7.70	9.51
Mean travel length of test arm (mm)	45.0	49.9	49.7	47.3

The test samples were deformed until they were dislodged from the test apparatus. The test samples did not crack or fracture as a result of the load placed upon them.

AS/NZS 4586:2004 Slip resistance of new pedestrian surfaces

Appendix D, Oil-wet ramp	Tactile			
	Yellow	Terracotta	Charcoal	Ivory
Mean overall acceptance angle:	28.0°	25.7°	28.9°	29.4°
Classification	R12	R11	R12	R12

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SUMMARY OF TESTS PERFORMED (cont)

AS 1428.4-2002 Appendix F - Luminance

Luminance	Tactile			
	Yellow	Terracotta	Charcoal	Ivory
Mean Contrast Dry	49.56	18.25	3.43	66.71
Contrast Range Dry	34.7 – 64.4	12.8 – 23.7	2.4 – 4.5	46.7 – 86.7
Mean Contrast Wet	48.31	16.7	2.21	65.17
Contrast Range Wet	33.8 – 62.8	11.7 – 21.7	1.6 – 2.9	45.6 – 84.7
Contrast Range	33.8 – 64.4	11.7 – 23.7	1.6 – 4.5	45.6 – 86.7

AS 1428.4-2002 Design for access and mobility – Tactile indicators

Section 2, Clause 2.2.3.3 Design requirements	Requirement	
Centre spacing of indicators	50 ±1mm	
Direction A		49.89mm
Direction B		49.90mm
Edge to side of indicator	7.5 ±1mm	
Direction A		7.99mm
Direction B		7.98mm
Inside warning to warning indicators	15.0 ±1mm	
Direction A		14.89mm
Direction B		14.90mm
Height of indicator	4 to 5 mm	
Direction A		3.91mm
Direction B		3.91mm
Diameter of indicator upper	25 ±1mm	
Direction A		25.19mm
Direction B		24.14mm
Diameter of indicator base	35 ±1mm	
Direction A		34.43mm
Direction B		34.51mm

Direction B is at right angles to Direction A



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DETERMINATION OF WATER ABSORPTION, APPARENT POROSITY, APPARENT RELATIVE DENSITY AND BULK DENSITY

TEST CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
ISO 105454-3:1995 [Equiv. to AS 4459-3:1999]

Test Date 16 March 2007

RESULTS:

Location: Ceramic Tile Laboratory Method: Vacuum
Manufacturer Type: Polyurethane TGSI

Individual Values:

Tile	Water Abs.(%)	App. Porosity(%)	App. Rel. Density	Bulk Density
Yellow				
1	0.22 0.26	1.19		1.19
2	0.22 0.26	1.19		1.18
3	0.22 0.26	1.19		1.19
4	0.22 0.27	1.19		1.19
5	0.22 0.26	1.19		1.19
Average:	0.22	0.26	1.19	1.19
Terracotta				
1	0.21 0.25	1.21		1.21
2	0.21 0.26	1.22		1.22
3	0.21 0.26	1.22		1.22
4	0.21 0.26	1.22		1.22
5	0.20 0.25	1.22		1.21
Average:	0.22	0.26	1.22	1.22
Charcoal				
1	0.02 0.03	1.20		1.20
2	0.02 0.03	1.21		1.21
3	0.02 0.03	1.21		1.21
4	0.03 0.03	1.21		1.20
5	0.03 0.03	1.21		1.21
Average:	0.02	0.03	1.21	1.21
Ivory				
1	0.20 0.23	1.17		1.16
2	0.20 0.23	1.16		1.15
3	0.19 0.23	1.17		1.16
4	0.20 0.23	1.17		1.16
5	0.19 0.22	1.17		1.16
Average:	0.20	0.23	1.17	1.16

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DETERMINATION OF MODULUS OF RUPTURE AND BREAKING STRENGTH

TEST CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 AS 4459-4:1997 [Equiv. to ISO 10545-4:1994]

Test Date 23 March 2007

RESULTS:

Location: Ceramic Tile Laboratory
 Work size: Length: 300mm Width: 300mm Thickness: 1.5mm

Number of specimens 3 per colour group

Diameter of rod: 20 mm
 Thickness of rubber: 5 mm
 Overlap of tile beyond the edge supports: 10 mm
 Span of the support rods: 280 mm
 Average minimum thickness along ruptures: 1.5mm
 Width of the test specimen: 300 mm

Tile	Breaking Load (N)	Breaking Strength (N).	Modulus of Rupture (N/mm ²)
Yellow			
1	14.71	14	9.15
2	14.95	14	9.30
3	13.32	12	8.29
Mean	14.32	13	6.42
Terracotta			
1	15.26	14	9.50
2	15.55	14	9.68
3	16.41	15	10.21
Mean	15.74	14	9.80
Charcoal			
1	12.86	12	8.00
2	12.30	12	7.65
3	11.97	11	7.45
Mean	12.38	12	7.70
Ivory			
1	14.98	14	9.32
2	16.55	15	10.30
3	14.33	13	8.92
Mean	15.29	14	9.51

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LUMINANCE CONTRAST ASSESSMENT

TEST CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
 AS 1428.4-2002 (Appendix F)

Test Date: 22 March 2007

RESULTS: Location: Slip Resistance Laboratory

Instrument: Gardner Gmbh Color-guide having the following settings
 45 °/0° geometry
 Y x y colour system
 Illuminate observer angle of D65/2°

Luminance equation:
$$C = \frac{Y_2 - Y_1}{0.5(Y_1 + Y_2)}$$

No. of samples: 15 readings from 15 random tactile heads.

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DETERMINATION OF DESIGN REQUIREMENTS

TEST CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
AS 1428.4:2002 Clause 2.2.3.3 Design Requirements

Test Date 03 April 2007

RESULTS:

Location: Ceramic Tile Laboratory

Number of specimens 1

Measurement	Requirement (mm)	Direction A (mm)		Direction B (mm)
		Mean of six measurements		
Centre to centre	50 ± 1	49.89	49.90	49.90
Edge to warning indicator	7.5 ± 1	7.99	7.98	7.98
Inside warning to warning indicators	15 ± 1	14.89	14.90	14.90
Edge to warning indicator	7.5 ± 1	7.5	7.5	7.5
Height base to upper	4 to 5	3.91	3.91	3.91
Warning indicator upper	25 ± 1	25.19	24.14	24.14
Warning indicator base	35 ± 1	34.43	34.51	34.51

Direction B is at right angles to Direction A



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