

SECTION 09661 - RESILIENT FLOOR COVERINGS

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 1 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.2 SUMMARY

- A. This Section includes resilient floor coverings as follows:
 - 1. Rubber sheet floor covering.
- B. Related Sections include the following:
 - 1. Division 9 Section "Resilient Base and Accessories" for resilient wall base, reducer strips, and other accessories installed with resilient floor coverings.

1.3 SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: For each type of product indicated.
- B. Samples for Initial Selection: For each type of floor covering and exposed accessory indicated.
- C. Samples for Verification: For each type of floor covering indicated and of size indicated below:
 - 1. Sheet: 6-by-9-inch sections of floor covering.
 - 2. Accessories: In length equal to length of floor covering samples.
- D. Seam Samples: For seamless installation technique indicated and for each flooring product, color, and pattern required; with seam running lengthwise and in center of 6-by-9-inch Sample applied to a rigid backing and prepared by Installer for this Project.
- E. Qualification Data: For Installer.
- F. Product Test Reports: Based on evaluation of comprehensive tests performed by a qualified testing agency, for floor coverings.
- G. Maintenance Data: For floor coverings to include in maintenance manuals.

1.4 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Installer Qualifications: A qualified installer who employs workers for this Project that are competent in techniques required by manufacturer for floor covering installation and seaming method indicated.
 - 1. Engage an installer who employs workers for this Project that are trained or certified by floor covering manufacturer for installation techniques required.
- B. Fire-Test-Response Characteristics: Provide products identical to those tested for fire-exposure behavior per test method indicated by a testing and inspecting agency acceptable to authorities having jurisdiction.
 - 1. Critical Radiant Flux Classification: Class I, not less than 0.45 W/sq. cm per ASTM E 648.
- C. Preinstallation Conference: Conduct conference at Project site to comply with requirements in Division 1 Section "Project Management and Coordination."
 - 1. Conduct conference with attendance and participation of manufacturer's representative.

1.5 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Store floor coverings and installation materials in dry spaces protected from the weather, with ambient temperatures maintained within range recommended by manufacturer but not less than 50 deg F (10 deg C) or more than 90 deg F (32 deg C).
 - 1. Sheet Floor Covering: Store rolls upright.

1.6 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. Maintain temperatures within range recommended by manufacturer, but not less than 70 deg F or more than 85 deg F, in spaces to receive floor coverings for at least 48 hours before and during installation and for at least 48 hours after installation unless manufacturer's written recommendations specify a longer time period.
 - 1. After postinstallation period, maintain temperatures within range recommended by manufacturer, but not less than 55 deg F or more than 95 deg F.
- B. Close spaces to traffic during floor covering installation.
- C. Close spaces to traffic for 48 hours after floor covering installation.
- D. Install floor coverings after other finishing operations, including painting, have been completed.

1.7 EXTRA MATERIALS

- A. Furnish extra materials described below that match products installed and that are packaged with protective covering for storage and identified with labels describing contents.
 - 1. Sheet Floor Covering: Furnish not less than 10 linear feet for each 500 linear feet or fraction thereof, in roll form for each color, pattern, and type of sheet floor covering installed.

PART 2 - PRODUCTS

2.1 MANUFACTURERS

- A. Basis of Design Product: The design for each sheet rubber flooring, is based on the product named in the Drawings.

2.2 INSTALLATION MATERIALS

- A. Trowelable Leveling and Patching Compounds: Latex-modified, portland cement or blended hydraulic cement based formulation provided or approved by floor covering manufacturer for applications indicated.
- B. Seamless-Installation Accessories:
 - 1. Heat-Welding Bead: Solid-strand product of floor covering manufacturer for heat welding seams.
 - a. Color: As selected by Architect from manufacturer's full range.
- C. Integral-Flash-Cove Base Accessories:
 - 1. Cove Strip: 1-inch (25-mm) radius support strip provided or approved by floor covering manufacturer.
 - 2. Cap Strip: Metal, provided or approved by floor covering manufacturer.
 - 3. Corners: Field formed with welded seams.
- D. Adhesives: Water-resistant type recommended by manufacturer for substrate and conditions indicated.

PART 3 - EXECUTION

3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine substrates, with Installer and manufacturer's representative present, for compliance with requirements for installation tolerances, moisture content, and other conditions affecting performance.
 - 1. Verify that finishes of substrates comply with tolerances and other requirements specified in other Sections and that substrates are free of cracks, ridges, depressions, scale, and foreign deposits that might interfere with adhesion or static-control characteristics of floor coverings.
 - 2. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

3.2 PREPARATION

- A. Prepare substrates according to manufacturer's written recommendations and with oversight by manufacturer's representative to ensure adhesion of floor coverings.
- B. Concrete Substrates: Prepare concrete slabs according to ASTM F 710.
 - 1. Verify that substrates are dry and free of curing compounds, sealers, and hardeners. Remove substrate coatings and other substances that are incompatible with floor covering adhesives and that contain soap, wax, oil, or silicone, using mechanical methods recommended by manufacturer. Do not use solvents.
 - 2. Alkalinity and Adhesion Testing: Perform tests recommended by manufacturer. Proceed with installation only after substrates pass testing.
 - 3. Moisture Testing:
 - a. Perform anhydrous calcium chloride test, ASTM F 1869. Proceed with installation only after substrates have maximum moisture-vapor-emission rate of 3 lb of water/1000 sq. ft. in 24 hours.
 - b. Perform tests recommended by manufacturer. Proceed with installation only after substrates pass testing.
- C. Use trowelable leveling and patching compound to fill cracks, holes, and depressions in substrates.
- D. Move floor coverings and installation materials into spaces where they will be installed at least 48 hours in advance of installation.
 - 1. Do not install floor coverings until they are same temperature as space where they are to be installed.
- E. Broom and vacuum clean substrates to be covered by floor coverings immediately before installation. After cleaning, examine substrates for moisture, alkaline salts, carbonation, and dust. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

3.3 INSTALLATION, GENERAL

- A. Scribe and cut floor coverings to butt neatly and tightly to vertical surfaces, permanent fixtures, and built-in furniture including cabinets, pipes, outlets, edgings, thresholds, and nosings.
- B. Extend floor coverings into toe spaces, door reveals, closets, and similar openings.
- C. Maintain reference markers, holes, or openings that are in place or marked for future cutting by repeating on floor coverings as marked on substrates. Use chalk or other nonpermanent marking device.
- D. Install floor coverings on covers for telephone and electrical ducts, and similar items in installation areas. Maintain overall continuity of color and pattern with pieces of floor coverings installed on covers. Tightly adhere floor covering edges to substrates that abut covers and to cover perimeters.
- E. Adhere floor coverings to substrates using a full spread of adhesive applied to substrate to produce a completed installation without open cracks, voids, raising and puckering at joints, telegraphing of adhesive spreader marks, and other surface imperfections.
- F. Seamless Installation:
 - 1. Heat-Welded Seams: Comply with ASTM F 1516. Rout joints and heat weld with welding bead to permanently fuse sections into a seamless floor covering. Prepare, weld, and finish seams to produce surfaces flush with adjoining floor covering surfaces.
- G. Integral Flash Cove Base: Cove floor coverings 6 inches up vertical surfaces. Support floor coverings at horizontal and vertical junction with cove strip. Butt at top against cap strip.
- H. Unroll sheet floor coverings and allow them to stabilize before cutting and fitting.
- I. Lay out sheet floor coverings as follows:
 - 1. Maintain uniformity of sheet floor covering direction.
 - 2. Minimize number of seams and place them in inconspicuous and low-traffic areas, at least 6 inches (152 mm) away from parallel joints in substrates.
 - 3. Match edges of floor coverings for color shading at seams.
 - 4. Avoid cross seams.

3.4 CLEANING AND PROTECTION

- A. Perform the following operations immediately after completing floor covering installation:
 - 1. Remove adhesive and other surface blemishes from floor covering surfaces.
 - 2. Sweep and vacuum floor coverings thoroughly.
 - 3. Damp-mop floor coverings to remove marks and soil.
 - a. Do not wash floor coverings until after time period recommended by manufacturer.

- B. Protect floor coverings from mars, marks, indentations, and other damage from construction operations and placement of equipment and fixtures during remainder of construction period. Use protection methods indicated or recommended in writing by manufacturer.
1. Apply protective floor polish to horizontal surfaces that are free from soil, visible adhesive, and surface blemishes if recommended in writing by manufacturer.
 - a. Use commercially available acceptable to manufacturer.
 - b. Coordinate selection of floor polish with Owner's Maintenance Service.
 2. Cover floor coverings with undyed, untreated building paper until Substantial Completion.
 3. Do not move heavy and sharp objects directly over floor coverings. Place plywood or hardboard panels over floor coverings and under objects while they are being moved. Slide or roll objects over panels without moving panels.

END OF SECTION 09661