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# "Unity" Surfacing Systems™

Interlocking, Unitary, Rubberized Safety Surfacing, Flooring and Pavers.

## Rubber Tile Flooring 09 65 19.33

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## 10-Part Specification – based on CSI and CSC Formats Section 09 65 19.33 Rubber Tile Flooring

### **PART 1: GENERAL**

#### **1.1 Section Includes:**

Resilient, self-interlocking unitary, rubberized safety surfacing, flooring and paver products in the tile/mat/block/paver form with bolt-down capabilities.

#### **1.2 Related Sections:**

##### **Division 9**

###### **Sub: 09 65 00 Resilient Flooring**

Specifically: 09 65 19 Resilient Tile Flooring.  
Specifically: 09 65 19.33 Rubber Tile Flooring.  
Specifically: 09 65 66 Resilient Athletic Flooring.

##### **Division 32**

###### **Sub: 32 18 00 Athletic and Recreational Surfaces .**

Specifically; 32 18 16 Synthetic Resilient Surfaces.  
Specifically; 32 18 16.33 Playground Protective Surfacing.  
Specifically; 32 18 23 Athletic Surfaces.

##### **Division 11**

###### **Sub: 11 68 00 Playfield Equipment and Structures .**

Specifically; 11 68 13 Playground Equipment.  
Specifically: 11 68 16 Play Structures.

### ***1.3 References***

- A.) Applicable Standards:
  - American Standard for Testing Materials (ASTM)
  - Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)
  - American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
  - Factory Mutual (FM)
  
- B.) ASTM F1292-04 and F355-95 Drop Test
  - Standard Test Method for Impact Attenuation of Surface Systems Under and Around Playground Equipment.
  
- C.) ASTM C67 Weathering/Aging
  - Standard Test Method for Weathering and Aging of Surface Systems and Materials.
  - Standard Test Method for Rubber – Deterioration in an Air Over.
  
- D.) ASTM E108: Class A Fire Test/Flammability
  - Standard Test Method for Fire Tests of Surface Systems and Materials.
  
- E.) ASTM E108 Class A Fire Test/Flammability - Modified For Roof Coverings:
  - Modified Test Methods for Fire Tests of Roof Covering Materials.
  
- F.) ASTM E648 Self Extinguishing Fire Test/Flammability
  - Standard Test Method for Critical Radiant Flux of Floor Covering Systems Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source (NFPA Designation No. 253).
  
- G.) ASTM D2859 Burn Pill
  - Standard Test Method for the Surface Flammability of Products (Burn Pill Test).
  
- H.) ASTM E303-93 (2013) Skid Resistance
  - Standard Test Method for Measuring Surface Frictional Properties Using the British Pendulum Tester.
  
- I.) ASTM F1951-99 ADA Accessibility
  - Standard Specification for Determination of Accessibility of Surface Systems Under and Around Playground Equipment.
  
- J.) ASTM C518-98 Insulation/R-Values
  - Standard Test Method for Steady-State Thermal Transmission Properties by Means of the Heat Flow Meter Apparatus. Measuring = Insulation/R-Values.
  
- K.) ASTM E903, E891, E1980 Solar Reflectance
  - Hemispherical Spectral Reflectance and Total Emittance Test. Presents results of spectral reflectance and total emittance of products tested.
  
- L.) CPSC-CH-E1002-08 Lead Content
  - LEAD Test - For compliance with US Public Law 110-314 (HR 4040 “Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008”), lead in accessible substrate materials.
  
- M.) Water Penetration Test:
  - For compliance with Sustainable Storm Water Run-off in a testing environment to determine how much water flows through the product based on real world scenarios.

- N.) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED):
- 1.) Criteria development by the United States Green Build Council (USGBC):
    - a.) Materials and Resources:  
Up to 6 points / credits toward LEED certification.
    - b.) Indoor Environmental Quality:  
Up to 1 point / credit toward LEED certification.
- O.) ANSI/FM 4474 Wind Up-Lift  
Simulated Wind Up-lift Pull-Force Test Procedure (adhered), to allow design pressure that is estimated to be 277.5 psf. (2:1 Factor of Safety) for systems installed in this manner.
- P.) ASTM D 3161-09 Non-Adhered, Over-Top and at Kick-Plate) Modified for Rubber Pavers  
Standard Test Method for Wind Resistance (Fan-Induced) via air velocity of 150 MPH.
- Q.) UL 2218, Class 4 Impact Resistances, 2010.  
Standard Test Method for Impact Resistance of Prepared Roof Covering Materials.
- R.) ASTM D 412(13) Tensile Strength, Elongation at Break and Modulus  
Standard Test Methods for Vulcanized Rubber and Thermoplastic Elastomers – Tension.
- S.) ASTM D 624 Tear Resistance  
Standard Test Method for Tear Strength of Conventional.
- T.) ASTM D 3389 (10) Taber Abrasion Index  
Standard Test Method for Walking Surface Based on Abrasion Cycles.
- U.) ASTM D 2240 Durometer Hardness  
Standard Test Method for Measuring the “Hardness” of Rubber Elastomers and Plastic.
- V.) ASTM D 1667 Compression Deflection  
Standard Test Method for Flexible Cellular Materials.
- W.) ASTM E-831 Coefficient of Thermal Expansion  
Standard Test Method for Thermal Expansion of Materials by Thermomechanical Analysis
- X.) ASTM D 3574 Compression Resistance  
Standard Test Method for Flexible Cellular Materials.
- Y.) ASTM D 3676 (13) and D 395 Mass and Density Per Unit Area, including Compression Set  
Standard Specification for Rubber by way of Mass, Density and Recovery Per Area.
- Z.) Tensile Strength at Interlocking Joint  
For compliance with Pull Force in a testing environment to determine how much pressure it takes to unlock the interlocking joints based on real world scenarios.

#### ***1.4 Submittals:***

- A.) General:
- 1.) Submit listed submittals in accordance with Conditions of the Contract and Division pertaining to Submittal Procedures Section.

B.) Product Data:

- 1.) Submit manufacturer's product data, specifications, detailed drawings and installation Instructions, as well as manufacturer's maintenance and cleaning instructions.

C.) Verification Samples:

- 1.) Submit manufacturer's standard verification samples of 4"X4" minimum. Two of the submitted samples must show the male/female self-interlocking connection and Bolt-down capabilities.

D.) Manufacturers Project References:

- 1.) Submit reference list of at least 20 years of projects on all sizes, types and scopes.
- 2.) Include project name, location and contact person of three (3) projects that are similar in size, type and scope as specified herein.

E.) Installer's Project References:

- 1.) Submit a copy of manufacturers issued installation warranty certification.
- 2.) Installers must have 5 years' experience with projects of similar scope & complexity.

F.) Closeout Submittals: Submit the following:

- 1.) Warranty documents as specified herein.
- 2.) Repair & Maintenance documents as issued by the manufacturer.
- 3.) Photographs of completed installation, with close-up shots of cut tiles.
- 4.) Submit listed "Closeouts" in accordance with Conditions of the Contract and Division pertaining to Closeout Procedures Section.

G.) Approvals:

- 1.) Contact manufacturer for information on approvals by major owners, agencies, architects, engineers, municipalities and other industry entities.

H.) Environmental Considerations:

- 1.) These resilient, rubberized safety surfacing flooring and paver products in the tile/mat/block/paver form makes extensive use of clean recycled tire rubber and other recycled rubber products as a major component of its operation that are sourced/ recycled in the United States of America.

I.) Testing Data Results:

- 1.) Submit certified test reports from qualified independent testing agency indicating results of the following testing:

a.) Applicable Standards:

- b.) Impact Attenuation (ASTM F1292-04 & F355.95)
- c.) Weathering/Aging (ASTM C67, D573 & F1292-04)
- d.) Flammability/Fire Test (ASTM E108)
- e.) Flammability (ASTM E108 Modified for roof covers)
- f.) Flammability (ASTM E648)
- g.) Flammability/Burn Pill Test (ASTM2859)
- h.) Skid Resistance (ASTM E303-93 / 2013)
- i.) ADA Accessibility (ASTM F1951-99)
- j.) R-Value, Thermal Conductivity (ASTM C518-98)
- k.) Reflectance/SRI and Emittance (ASTM E903, E891, E1980)
- l.) Lead In Materials/Children's Products (CPSC-CH-E1002-08)
- m.) Water Penetration Test (Sustainable Storm Water MGT/Run-off)

- n.) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)
- o.) Pull Force Test (ANSI/FM 4474 Approval, Appendix B)
- p.) Wind Resistance (ASTM D3161-09)
- q.) Class 4 Impact Resistance (UL 2218, 2010)
- r.) Tensile Strength, Elongation at Break and Modulus (ASTM D 412)
- s.) Tear Resistance (ASTM 624)
- t.) Taber Abrasion Index (ASTM D3389)
- u.) Durometer Hardness (ASTM 2240)
- v.) Compression Deflection (ASTM 1677)
- w.) Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (ASTM 831)
- x.) Compression Resistance (ASTM 3574)
- y.) Mass & Density (ASTM 3676) with Compression Set (ASTM D395)
- z.) Tensile Strength at Interlocking Joint (Pull Force)

### ***1.5 Quality Assurance/Control:***

- A.) Manufacturers Qualifications: Manufacturer shall meet a minimum of one (1) of the following two (2) requirements:
  - 1.) Consistently engaged in manufacturing of self-interlocking rubber tiles/mats/blocks/pavers of similar type that is specified, with a minimum of fifteen (15) years of experience under the same business name and EIN (Employer Identification Number)
  - 2.) Furnished/Supplied a minimum of ten-million (10,000,000) square feet of self-interlocking rubber tiles/mats/blocks/pavers of similar type that is specified.
- B.) Installers Qualifications:
  - 1.) Installers must have 5 years' experience with projects of similar scope & complexity.
  - 2.) Certificate of qualifications from the product installer verified by manufacturer.

### ***1.6 Delivery, Storage and Handling***

- A.) Delivery:
  - 1.) All materials shall be delivered in good condition in its original unopened packages, bound and shrink wrapped with all labels intact clearly identifying manufacturer, product series/name, color and type.
- B.) Storage:
  - 1.) All materials and accessory items shall be protected from weather; and shall be stored at temperatures of 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees C) and rising for 24-hours min.
  - 2.) Protect all materials and accessory items from direct sunlight before and during installations.
- C.) Handling:
  - 1.) Protect all materials and accessory items during handling and installation to prevent unnecessary damage.

### ***1.7 Environmental Requirements***

- A.) Tile and Air Temperatures:
  - 1.) Ensure both the tile and air temperature is a minimum of 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees C) and rising for 24-hours min.

- 2.) Consult with manufacturer's installation guide/manual for installations in conditions less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit (10 degrees C) and/or greater than 85 degrees Fahrenheit (29 degrees C).

### ***1.8 Warranty Information***

#### **A.) Manufacturer's Warranty:**

- 1.) Submit, for Owner's acceptance, manufacturer's standard warranty document executed by authorized company official. Manufacturer's warranty is in addition to, and not a limitation of, other rights Owner may have under contract documents.

#### **B.) Material Warranty Period:**

- 1.) Standard Five (5) Years from date of product shipment; or a Ten (10) Year Pro-rated Warranty from date of product shipment shall be selected prior to ordering. A default Five (5) Year Pro-rated Warranty shall be issued if no other warranty is selected prior to ordering.

#### **C.) Installation/Workmanship Warranty Period:**

- 1.) Standard Three (3) Years from date of product installation; or a Five (5) Year Pro-rated Warranty from date of product shipment shall be selected from the certified installer prior to ordering. A default One (1) Year Warranty shall be provided by the contractor directly if no other warranty is selected prior to ordering.

## ***PART 2: PRODUCTS***

### ***2.1 Manufacturer***

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### ***2.2 Playground Protective Surfacing***

#### **A.) Description:**

- 1.) Self-Interlocking Tile/Mat/Block/Paver size: 24" X 24" = 4 sq. ft. per unit (pre-cured). Cured products will measure 23.75" X 23.75" = 3.92 sq. ft. per unit.
- 2.) Transitional Ramp Edge size: 8" X 48" (slope is 9" long). Only available for 1" thick tiles, but can be scaled back for other (thinner thicknesses) and/or retro-fitted on site to accommodate the 1 3/8" thick tile.

#### **B.) Basic Use:**

- 1.) Designed for playgrounds, rooftops, walkways, recreational areas, weight rooms, patios, pools of all types. It is installed over poured asphalt (blacktop) or concrete. It is also suited for rooftop applications. The product line features an extensive range of standard tile/mat/block/paver colors and thicknesses with many design capabilities and accessory pieces.

#### **C.) Composition and Materials:**

- 1.) The Unity, self-interlocking, resilient, rubberized safety surfacing flooring and paver products in the tile/mat/block/paver form offers shock resistance. Comes in seven (7)

standard thicknesses and can be produced from ½” to 1 3/8” (1.375”) in thickness. Consists of three product families: Post-Consumer Black Recycled SBR (Styrene Butadiene Rubber) - recycled in-house, Pigmented Dye and/ or TPV (Thermoplastic Vulcanized Rubber)/ EPDM (Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer).

- a.) Pigmented top tiles are produced with 100% post-consumer black recycled SBR (Styrene Butadiene Rubber) coating said recycled rubber granules to achieve a desired color.
- b.) The TPV/EPDM top tiles/mats/blocks/pavers are recycled post-industrial TPV/EPDM rubber, available in a variety of colors and color combinations.
- c.) All of which, are mixed with a polyurethane and molded with heat and pressure into finished products.

2.) Unity offer a solid layer construction with bottom designs consisting of solid cones (feet and/or legs) for maximum surface contact offering a built-in self-interlocking system with Button-Lock™ technology, and bolts down. This allows maximum contact between the tile/mat/ block/ paver bottom and base as well as between adjacent products.

3.) The type of fitness, gym, weight-room, yoga studio, athletic and recreational specifications determines the required tile/mat/block/paver thickness.

½” thick.....*Tile Top = Solid Bottom Design. Brick Top = Pimple Bottom Design.*  
¾” thick..... *Tile Top = Solid Bottom Design. Brick Top = Pimple Bottom Design.*  
1” thick..... *Tile Top = Solid Bottom Design Only.*  
1 3/8” (1.375”) thick..... *Tile Top = Feet/Cone/Legs Bottom Design Only.*

4.) Accessories include:

- a.) Unity’s Chemrex 948 Urethane Adhesive (Large Tubes) – For gluing interlock-to-interlock adhesion as well as product-to-solid sub-base installations.
- b.) Unity’s Transitional Ramp, Standard Beveled Edge – For above grade installations. Slope is standard at 8”.
- c.) Unity’s Geotextile Fabric, Landscaping Mesh – For rooftop installations and

D.) Thickness and Weights:

½” thick.....~ 10 lbs. each or ~ 2.5 lbs. per sq. ft. (2ft. X 2ft. only).  
¾” thick.....~ 15 lbs. each or ~ 3.75 lbs. per sq. ft. (2ft. X 2ft. only).  
1” thick.....~ 19 lbs. each or ~ 4.75 lbs. per sq. ft. (2ft. X 2ft. only).  
1 3/8” (1.375”) thick..... ~ 21 lbs. each or ~ 5.25 lbs. per sq. ft. (2ft. X 2ft. only).

*Note: Adjustments can be made with reference to weight related issued for each unit.*

E.) Wear Layer for ½”, ¾”, 1” & 1” (for 1 3/8”) thick to be standard based on thickness specified

½” thick.....*Tile Top = Solid Bottom Design. Brick Top = Pimple Bottom Design.*  
¾” thick..... *Tile Top = Solid Bottom Design. Brick Top = Pimple Bottom Design.*  
1” thick..... *Tile Top = Solid Bottom Design Only.*  
1 3/8” (1.375”) thick..... *Tile Top = Feet/Cone/Legs Bottom Design Only.*

E.) Base Layer: Integral solid cone pedestal design/pattern underside forming channels for water drainage between protective surfacing and substrate to drainage outlet.

G.) Color:

- 1.) Pigmented Color (minimum 3/8" thick):
  - a.) Black, Splash (Black with 10% to 50% TPV/EPDM granules sprinkled on top), Slate Gray, Red (Terra Cotta), Grass Green, Sky Blue, Sandy Tan, Mystic White, Choc Brown.
- 2.) TPV/EPDM Colors (minimum 1/4" thick):
  - a.) Red (Terra Cotta), Brt. Red, Green, Brt. Green, Dark Green, Blue, Lt. Blue, Azure Blue (Teal), Purple, Lt. Purple, Turquoise, Beige, Eggshell (Cream), Brown, Dark Brown, Mustard Yellow, Brt Yellow, Orange, Dark. Gray, Mid-Gray, Lt. Gray, Virgin Black. *Can be blended for a solid TPV top using up to three (3) color(s) at any percentage(s) desired for a custom look.*

H.) Limitations:

- 1.) The following chemicals may cause damage to the rubberized safety surfacing, flooring and paver products, and should be avoided:
  - a.) disinfectants, concentrated chlorine bleach, gasoline, diesel fuel, hydraulic and lubricating oils, acids and organic solvents.
- 2.) In water play areas, pool surrounds and similar applications; dissolved minerals and other chemicals (hydrochlorides) may cause surface discoloration over time. This condition, should it occur, is not considered to be a product failure.
- 3.) Due to the elastic characteristics of recycled rubber products, some variation in dimensions may be expected. Plan for product dimensions of 23<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" X 23<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" on items 1" thick and higher/thicker.

I.) Testing Data Results:

- 1.) Shock Attenuation (ASTM F1292-04 & F355.95):
  - a. G-max – Less than 200 = .....NA.
  - b. Head Injury Criteria – Less than 1000 = ..... NA.
- 2.) Weathering/Aging (ASTM C67, D573 & F1292-04): =..... NA.
  - a. Rubber Deterioration in an Air Over (ASTM D573).....NO DETERIORATION.
- 3.) Flammability/Fire Test (ASTM E108).....MEETS "CLASS A" RATING.
  - a. At 1minute 45 seconds the flames traveled four feet along the tip of the sample. At 2 minutes 29 seconds the flames receded to two feet. After 10 minutes of flame exposure at a deck slope of one-quarter in per horizontal foot in 12 mph wind velocity, the burner was shut off. The sample stopped burning 38 seconds after the flame was shut off.
- 4.) Flammability (ASTM E108 Modified for roof covers):.MEETS "CLASS A" RATING
  - a. Ignition Time = 7:24, Maximum Spread of Flame = 40", Time of Maximum Spread = 8:25. Observations = The Burner Flame was shut off at 10 minutes and the specimen self-extinguished at 13 minutes and 55 seconds, meeting Class A.
- 5.) Flammability (ASTM E648).....MEETS "CLASS I" RATING.
  - a. Each Specimen was laid flat over a 1/4" Etera board (a cement asbestos substitute using PC: 96H. Critical Radiant Flux (watts/cm2) averaged = 0.58.

- 6.) Flammability/Burn Pill Test (ASTM2859).....W/NO OFF GASSING @ 3.7".
  - a. Distance (inches) shall be greater than 1" for all eight test samples to comply.
- 7.) Skid Resistance (ASTM E303-93 / 2013).....PASSED.
  - a. Dry = .....80.25.
  - b. Wet = .....67.
- 8.) ADA Accessibility (ASTM F1292-99): = .....PASSED.
  - a. Firmness = .....0.26.
  - b. Stability = .....0.28.
- 9.) R-Value, Thermal Conductivity (ASTM C518-98): = .....2.4 COMPLIANCE.
  - a. Hot (F) = 96.78, Cold (F) = 50.68, Average = 73.73, Thermal Conductivity Btu-in/hr-ft<sup>2</sup>-F.
- 10.) Reflectance/SRI and Emittance (ASTM E903, E891, E1980)....VARIES (see below)

<u>Specimen Code</u>	<u>% Solar Reflectance</u>	<u>SRI</u>	<u>Reflectance (p) Measured</u>	<u>Near-Normal Emittance € Calculated</u>
EPDM Blended Top	58.8	72	0.05	0.95
Mystic White	20	22	0.04	0.96
Sandy Tan	11.9	12	0.03	0.97
Sky Blue	7.8	7	0.03	0.97
Wheat	39.4	46	0.05	0.95
Choc. Brown	5.1	3	0.04	0.96
Slate Grey	6.7	5	0.06	0.94
Terra Cotta RED	5.9	3	0.06	0.94
Grass Green	6.7	5	0.06	0.94
TPV White	68.6	86	0.04	0.96
TPV Blended Colors	46.4	55	0.04	0.96

- 11.) Lead In Materials/Children's Products (CPSC-CH-E1002-08):....NOT DETECTED.
  - a. CPSIA Section 101: Rubber Tile/Mat/Block/Paver: Lead Content (ppm) = ND. MDL = 2 ppm, Permissible Limit = 300 ppm, Conclusion = Pass.
- 12.) Water Penetration Test (Sustainable Storm Water MGT/Run-off).....VARIES.
  - a. BODY = Penetration is .13 Gallons Per Minute, Per Square Foot of surface area
  - b. SEAM = Penetration is .21 Gallons Per Minute, Per Square Foot of surface area
- 13.) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED):
  - a. Criteria development by the United States Green Build Council (USGBC):
    - 1.) Materials and Resources:
      - Up to 6 points / credits toward LEED certification.
      - Recycled Content.....MR. 4.1
      - Recycled Content.....MR. 4.2
      - Local/Regional Materials.....MR 5.1
      - Local/Regional Materials.....MR 5.2

Construction Waste Mgt.....MR 2.1  
Construction Waste Mgt.....MR 2.2

2.) Indoor Environmental Quality:

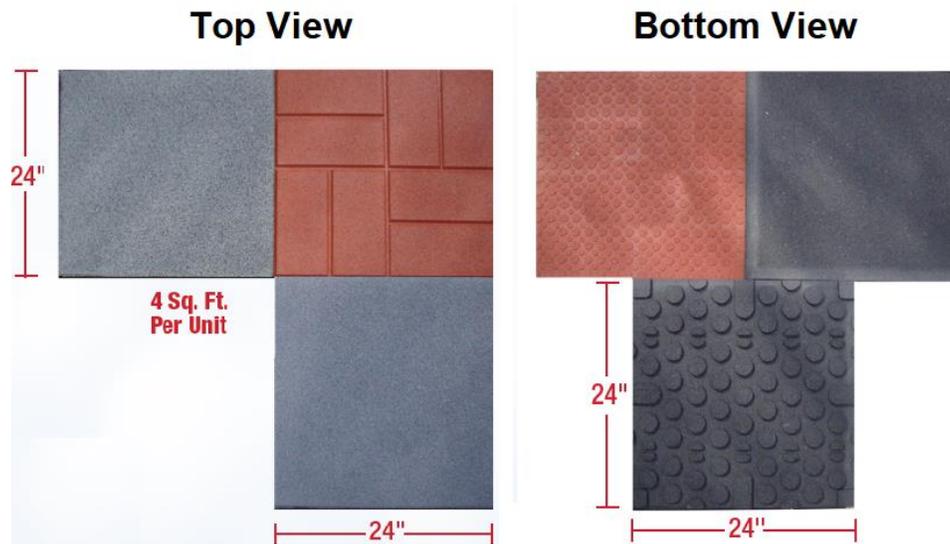
Up to 1 point / credit toward LEED certification.

Low Emitting Materials.....EQ 4.1

- 14.) Pull Force Test On Solid Sub-Base (ANSI/FM 4474 Approval, App. B)....277.5 psf.  
a. Allowable design pressure (2:1 Factor of Safety) for systems installed in the manner described.
- 15.) Wind Resistance (ASTM D3161-09), Over-Top and At Edge Kick-Plate):.150 MPH.  
a. Over Top = No movement observed after 2 hours continuous exposure.  
b. Kick Plate = Lifting observed in center of specimen. Sample remained intact and on roof membrane after 2 hours of continuous exposure.
- 16.) Class 4 Impact Resistance (UL 2218, 2010) .....PASSED.  
a. Six different drop zones observed no damage. No evidence of tearing, fracturing, cracking, splitting, rupturing, crazing, or other evidence of opening of the rubber paver system.
- 17.) Tensile Strength, Elongation at Break and Modulus (ASTM D 412) ....[MPa] &.[%].  
a. Tensile Strength.....0.87 Mpa.  
b. Tensile Strength at Break.....0.76 Mpa.  
c. Elongation.....71.5%.  
d. Elongation at Break.....92.4%.  
e. Modulus.....3.49 Mpa.
- 18.) Tear Resistance (ASTM 624).....[N] &.[kNm].  
a. Peak Tearing Load.....156 N.  
b. Peak Tearing Strength .....11.3 kNm.
- 10.) Taber Abrasion Index (ASTM 624).....0719 WC.
- 20.) Durometer Hardness (ASTM 2240).....Shore A = 54.
- 21.) Compression Deflection (ASTM 1677).....577 kPa @ 25%.
- 22.) Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (ASTM 831).....0013 in/ft. per degree.
- 23.) Compression Resistance (ASTM 3574).....[kN] &.[kPa].  
a. Load at Preset point.....2.78 kN.  
b. Compression Resistance.....1030 kPa.
- 24.) Mass & Density (ASTM 3676).....psf & pcf/kg/m3  
a. Mass Per Area.....2.92 psf  
b. Density Per Area.....78.8 pcf/1282 kg/m3  
c. Recovery (D395).....90-100% w/No Cracking
- 25.) Tensile Strength at Interlock Joint (Pull Force To Separate Interlock).....Two Ways.  
a. Vertical Pull Force Test.....127 PSI or Greater.  
b. Horizontal Pull Force Test.....38 PSI or Greater

## **PART 3: TECHNICAL INFO**

### **3.1 Unity's Tile Details (official/firm):**



## **PART 4: EXECUTIONS**

### **4.1 Examinations/Inspections**

A.) Prior to application of the Unity's products, the architect, engineer, municipality, general contractor, safety surfacing manufacturer and installer shall evaluate the substrate's structural performance. Notify all contactors, architects and engineers of all displacements or stress cracks. Work shall not proceed until unsatisfactory conditions are corrected and signed by the contractors, architects and engineers; And Unity's installation manual/guide has been read.

### **4.2 Preparations**

A.) Do not proceed with safety surfacing, flooring and/or paver installation until all applicable site work, including substrate preparation, fencing, playground equipment installation, roofing and other relevant work, has been fully completed and approved. Verify that substrate conditions are suitable for installation of the safety surfacing, flooring and pavers; and do not proceed with installation until unsuitable conditions are corrected, verified and approved.

B.) Recessed installations are strongly encouraged to avoid the use of transitional ramps (edging) as this allow for the entire area to be ADA accessible and not just one ramp/zone/area. It is both helpful and advised to plan accordingly when preparing for a counter-sunk installation.

1.) Concrete Sub-base: Shall be as specified in the Division pertaining to the appropriate Section. Apply a light broom finish to "lightly rough" the concrete sub-base. Ensure concrete is sound with no loose materials or cracks over 1/8" (inch) wide in size. Ensure concrete is a minimum of ten (10) days old. Test concrete for any moisture in accordance with manufacturer's installation guide/manual to ensure it has successfully and sufficiently cured and is dry. Existing concrete sub-bases shall be pressure washed and dried in accordance with manufacturer's installation guide/manual.

2.) Asphalt Sub-bases: Shall be as specified in the Division pertaining to the appropriate Section. Ensure asphalt is sound with no loose materials or cracks over 1/8" (inch) wide in size. Ensure asphalt is a minimum of fifteen (15) days old. Test asphalt for any moisture in accordance with manufacturer's installation guide/manual to ensure it has successfully and sufficiently cured and is dry. Existing asphalt sub-bases shall be pressure washed and dried in accordance with manufacturer's installation guide/manual. Scarify existing asphalt in accordance with manufacturer's installation guide/manual.

3.) Variations In Elevations: Shall repair variations in elevation of sub-base surfaces greater than +/- one-quarter (1/4") inch over ten (10) feet in any direction.

#### **4.3 Installations:**

A.) The installation manual / guide shall also be read in full by the General Contract's foreman and all parties of the installation crew.

B.) Recessed installations are strongly encouraged to avoid the use of transitional ramps (edging). The height of the finished area (i.e. concrete/asphalt walkway, edging, wood, etc.) and the sub-base material shall be consistent with the thickness of the tiles/mats/blocks/pavers being installed all the way around the entire installation area, prior to the installing the Unity products. This shall be tested every 48" with a full size sample tile/mat/block/paver given to the contractor prior to commencement of installation.

C.) Tiles/mats/blocks/pavers shall be installed on a square configuration of 24" (inches) by 24" (inches) in size [*+/- quarter (1/4") tolerance*]. As a result, symmetry of 2' (ft) by 2' (ft) squares will be seen on properly completed jobs (installations). Off-setting the joints/seams can also be achieved and shall be approved by the architect of record and the manufacturer, in writing, prior to installation.

D.) For solid sub-base installations (NOT ROOFTOPS), apply adhesive to the underside, outside edge, of EACH unit being installed at a rate of approximately 75 square feet per 825 ml tube. Adhesive consumption will increase as solid sub-base porosity increases. *Note: When one (1) and five (5) gallon pails are used for the transitional ramps (edging), apply adhesive to the underside of said transitional ramp (edging) and base using a notched trowel.*

E.) For recessed installations with a boarding system, apply adhesive to the sides of either the edging, or the products themselves at a rate of approximately 50 linear feet per 825 ml tube.

F.) Apply adhesive to the interlocks, both in the joint (inside wall) and on top of the interlocking joint (outside edge) for added strength and security at a rate of approximately 75 square feet per 825 ml tube. Such application will allow for proper rainwater drainage.

G.) Maintain a straight line at the product joints. To keep lines straight, adjust products using a rubber mallet as they are installed. Apply a string line on the first couple of rows installed to maintain a straight line of installation. Repeat string-line process every so often to make sure you continue a straight line/run of installed products.

H.) All posts and protrusions, etc., shall be cut and aligned as required to fit without any gaps. Said cuts, including lead-in cuts, shall be on a 30-degree angle to allow for glue to maintain on the cut unit for added adhesion.

**K.) Precautions:**

- 1.) The sub-base must be level with a slight pitch for drainage, or uniformly sloped since variations will be telegraphed through to the tile surface. Avoid installation when large temperature swings during the time between adhesive application and final curing (12 - 36 hours, depending on temperature and humidity) are expected, as gapping between tiles/mats/blocks/pavers may result.
- 2.) Protect the newly installed safety surface, flooring and paver material from damage resulting from subsequent construction activity on the site. Temporary applications are possible because products can be loose-laid with interlock-to-interlock gluing, both inside the joint and on top.
- 3.) Remove adhesive (glue) spills from installation area using a clean dry rag and mineral spirits in accordance with manufacturer's installation guide/manual.
- 4.) If applicable, cut geo-textile fabric/landscaping mesh away from any and all drains. Do not cover drains, drain covers, drainage outlets what-so-ever.

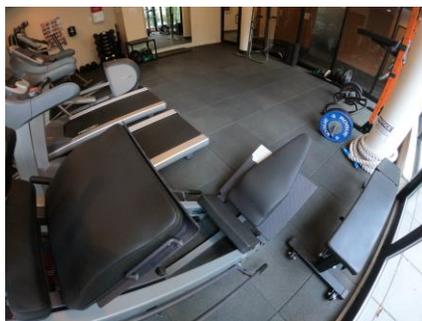
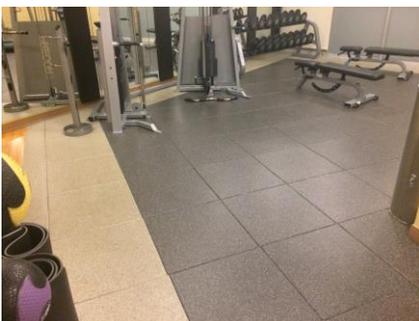
**4.4 Field Quality Control:**

- A.) Prior to installation, Contractor shall provide the architect of record and the owner a signed copy of the "Installation Warranty" in writing prior to installation commencement.
- B.) Contractor shall "certify" in writing that the sub-base material(s) have been properly compacted, cured and dry as per Section pertaining to Preparations, prior to installation.
- C.) Contractor shall "certify" in writing that the "Installation Guide/Manual" has been read by Project Manager and by Lead Installer prior to installation commencement.
- D.) Contractor shall "certify" in writing that the flush test (if applicable) has been completed and verified with photographic images sent to the: architect, engineer, municipality, safety surfacing manufacturer.

**4.5 Protection**

- A.) Protect the installation area from any and all types of subsequent construction and/or foot traffic whether it is human, animal or machine for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours after installation has occurred.

**PART 5: IMAGES**



**PART 6: REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE:**

**6.1) Repair:**

A.) Repairing damaged items is simple and easy. Keep in mind, our products are 22”X44” (inches) and not 22”X22” as it appears when looking at the installed product (after an installation has occurred). Take a crow bar with a flat edge (flat crow bar) and try to pry out the unit (or section) without damaging the surrounding area, especially the interlocking tabs.



This will save the interlocks joints to be used again with the new (or same) unit being installed.

B.) Photograph below is of a *roto-zip* being applied to the “male” and “female” portion of the interlocking system. This is used to clean any and all glue from the unit to successfully re-install the item. Be sure to match the bit with the thickness (width) of the ‘female’ and/or “male” interlock portions. Standard bit size recommended is half (1/2”) inch.



C.) If that cannot be accomplished, a utility knife will be needed to remove all the excess glue that was originally used to glue the interlocks together. The damaged unit can be lifted and discarded. Before installing a new or existing unit, remember to remove all loose debris from the area. Make sure the sub-surface below is in good condition. This will ensure a great fit with the existing units/products. Remember to glue the new units securely to the existing units to prevent vandalism. Do not use the area for at least 12 hours (overnight), 24-hours preferred.

## 6.2 Maintenance

- A.) As with any other solid surface such as concrete, asphalt, cement, blacktop, etc., for outdoor usage, Unity's products will need to be blown or vacuumed free of debris with a blower and/or vacuum cleaner (shop vacuum). It is important to clean all of Unity's products free of any debris as necessary. This will ensure that no debris gets in the seams of the tiles/mats/blocks/pavers that may result in product-to-product separation and even vandalism. In turn, proper cleaning will help prevent such problems in the future.
- B.) A sharp (firm) object may be used, and applied at the seam(s) for areas that has more debris than others to loosen up the stubbornness for easier blowing and/or vacuuming. Broom sweeping will only lock the debris in the seams and not remove it in its entirety.



- B.) When cleaning, use a mild detergent. Mix cleaner with warm to hot water as directed and apply to the floor with a wet mop and/or brush. Allow the cleaner to stand about five (5) to ten (10) minutes before removing with a clean damp mop. Rinse thoroughly until the rinse water is clear. Allow to surface to dry before using again. "Armorall" may be used to acquire a deep royal shine, however, it may be slippery at first.
- C.) As for indoor use, when the floor is dry apply two thin coats of a cleaner (Mr. Clean) with a strip mop. Do not apply too heavily in one coat, as it may get slippery. Allow about thirty (30) minutes drying time between coats. It is not necessary to re-apply the cleaner to the entire area when maintaining the heavy traffic areas. Damp mopping the entire floor and using a cleaner in those abused areas is all that is necessary. "Armorall" may be used to acquire a deep royal shine, however, it may be slippery, especially indoors.
- D.) Occasional major cleaning of the floor will require scrubbing with a bristled brush and/ or using a "power washer" with no more the 3000-PSI (as noted in the "During" picture below). After which one may apply the cleaner found above. Keep in mind, this product is water permeable and may result in excess water to find itself deep into the product. This is not an issue for exterior applications, but should be noted and addressed for interior applications.

## **PART 7: PAINTING**

7.1) After many years of use, like other products on the market, our products can be painted for a fresh new look. This can provide less heat build-up and extend the life of the products for many years to come. **Before** = Before, **During** = After Pressure-washing. **After** = Painted.



7.2) Our two-part paints (requiring on-site mixing) is a two-part process utilizing an “A” and “B” component. It can be simply sprayed on or rolled on (preferred) for a brand new look. In areas with multiple colors, it is recommended that a 22”X44” (inch) cut out using scrap cardboard be made to place over each product color. For example: if **red** and **green** are used in an area, make two (2) cut outs, one for **red** and one for **green**. Or if you prefer, tape off the area that is being painted to avoid any overspray or over rolling. Dump part B into part A and mix for one (1) minute. Apply the newly mixed paint allowing enough time to dry/cure (approximately three to four hours). Only mix enough material you can apply within your 2-4 window. Afterwards, you can enjoy the freshly painted area for longer.

## **PART 8: FILING SYSTEMS:**

- 8.1) Additional product information is available from Unity Creations, Ltd. / Unity Surfacing Systems upon written request.
- 8.2) Architectural Product Information Binder (Division 32, 9, 11) is available upon written request.

## **PART 9: TECHNICAL SERVICES:**

- 9.1) Our staff of factory trained service personal can offer design assistance and technical support M-F 8AM-6PM. For assistance, contact: Unity Creations, Ltd. / Unity Surfacing Systems at (1-877) 41-UNITY. E-mail: [technicalinfo@surfacingystems.com](mailto:technicalinfo@surfacingystems.com), or on the web at: [www.surfacingystems.com](http://www.surfacingystems.com)

## **PART 10: MEASUREMENTS and PRICE TO COVER**

10.1) The quantity of rubber tiles/mats/blocks/pavers to be paid for under this item shall be the number of tiles/mats/blocks/pavers that have been furnished and installed to the lines and grades shown on the field measurements, and accepted in accordance with the plans and specifications and as directed by the architect of record.

10.2) Rubber tiles/mats/blocks/pavers shall include the cost of furnishing the products (known as series), cutting of units, patch kits, adhesive, bolts, concrete base, labor, hardware, inspection services, samples, equipment, required submittals, mock-ups and testing, and other incidental accessories and expenses to complete the work in accordance with the plans and specifications and as directed by the architect of record. Refer to Civil items for trench drains, excavation, compacted aggregate base, and sub-base.

## *Specifiers Notes*

### *Introduction:*

*This specification product guide is written according to the Construction Specification Institute (CSI) and the Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) Format, MasterFormat, SectionFormat and PageFormat, as described in The Project Resource Manual – CSI Manual of Practice (April 2016 Edition). However, it is a 10-Part Format instead of a 3-Part Format.*

*The Section(s) must be carefully reviewed and edited by the Architect to meet the requirements of the project and local building code requirements. Coordinate the related Section(s) with other specifications section(s) and the Drawings accordingly. Delete all Specifiers Notes when editing.*

### *1.1 Section Includes:*

*This covers Unity's Tough-Land Series of resilient, unitary, rubberized safety surfacing, flooring and paver products in the tile/mat/block/ paver form. Contact Unity for assistance in editing any of these Sections for a specific application.*

### *1.2 Related Sections:*

*Edit the list of related Section(s) as required for the project. List other Section(s) with work directly related to this Section(s).*

*Include the Section(s) number(s) and title(s) of the Division(s) Section(s), if they are referenced in this section.*

### *1.3 References:*

*List standards referenced in this Section(s), complete with designation(s) and title(s). This article does not require compliance with standards, as it is merely a listing of those used.*

### *1.8 Warranty Information:*

*Refer to conditions of the overall Contract for project warranty provisions.*

### *2.1 Manufacturer:*

*If a local representative is to be the key contact for questions and/or pricing on a local level, their company name, contact person information, address, phone number and e-mail address should be included herein.*

### *2.2 Playground Protective Surfacing:*

#### *C.) Composition and Materials*

*3.) Specify thickness(es) of product based on desired needs and coordinate with working drawings.*

#### *D.) Thicknesses & Weights:*

*Specify weights and thickness based on Pigmented and or TPV top of each product/unit/ series being used.*

#### *E.) Wear Layer:*

*Specify based on thickness, except for the 1 3/8" thick products to be 1" thickness.*

*G. Colors:*

*1.) Specify Pigmented and “Splash Design” top products on general applications where custom color combinations are not a primary design consideration. Made with Aromatic Binder. Splash Design can be used to create a speckled appearance.*

*2.) Specify Solid TPV top products when increased color retention and stability, a wider range of blending in design and/or matching an overall scope of the project is desired. Can be blended using up to three (3) colors at any percentages desired. Solid TPV top products can be used to create a marble or granite appearance. Made with Aliphatic Binder.*

*I.) Testing Data Results:*

*Specify Test Results in accordance with project details accordingly.*

*Actual test reports, additional testing and additional product information are available upon written request.*

*4.2 Preparations:*

*Due to the Porosity of the Unity products, it is essential that a proper sub-base drainage system/run-off be used/constructed or else the products may not stay level and become damaged due to up-lift and/or shifting.*

*B.1) Concrete Sub-base – Ensure that adhesive/glue will be used on the underside, outside edge, of each unit being installed.*

*B.2) Asphalt Sub-base – Ensure that adhesive/glue will be used on the underside, outside edge, of each unit being installed.*

*4.3 Installations:*

*Rooftop installations, Crushed Stone sub-base and temporary installations often call for adhesive to be applied to the interlocks only. In these cases, do not apply adhesive directly onto the roofing membrane or solid sub-base materials that are temporary without consulting an engineer, architect or end-user. Yield per tube will increase to 80 sq. ft. per tube.*

*D.) When using gallon pails for transitional ramps, yield is 50 sq. ft. per gallon.*