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Instruction: Your Purchase Order No. 602 of 10 February 2006.

1. INTRODUCTION

We were instructed to undertake testing of two Supadek samples in order to establish slip resistance characteristics.

2. SAMPLES RECEIVED

The samples were received at Sandberg laboratories on 14 February 2006.

Sandberg Reference	Material	Description
F65253	Supadek light texture	Extrusion 300 x 220 x 40mm
F65254	Supadek heavier texture	Extrusion 300 x 220 x 40mm

A photocopy of the texture type and layout is given in Appendix A.

3. TEST METHODS AND TEST RESULTS

Each sample was tested in accordance with BS 7976-2:2002 using the TRL Portable skid resistance tester (pendulum tester). Tests were carried out in dry and wet conditions using slider 96 rubber¹.

Surface roughness measurements were made on both the smooth part and the textured part of each sample. Texture depth was not measured.

The test results are given in Table 1.

¹ Formerly known as 4S rubber.

4. SUMMARY OF RESULTS

The dry PTV results ranged from 51 to 65.

The wet PTV results ranged from 42 to 48.

The TRL pendulum tester has a range of readings from 0 to 150, high values indicating good slip resistance. Guidance on the interpretation of results using the Four S Slider is suggested by the UK Slip Resistance Group² as follows:-

Potential For Slip	Pendulum Test Value
High	0 to 24
Moderate	25 to 35
Low	36 +

The surface roughness measurements are a guide to slip resistance particularly in borderline regions. It is recognised that increased roughness of the floor surface can give an improvement in slip resistance in wet conditions.

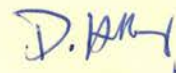
The surface roughness results ranged from 4.8 to 27.6µmR_z.

Surfaces contaminated with pure water generally require a surface roughness of at least 10µm R_z to provide a moderate level of slip resistance and at least 20µmR_z to indicate low slip potential: more viscous contaminants require higher surface roughness³.

The results reported here relate to the surfaces as tested. It should be noted however, that the slip resistance of surfaces in service can be changed by various factors such as abrasion, polishing and contamination. Overall assessment of the potential for slip should take into account conditions of use and the environment, in addition to test results.

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² The measurement of floor slip resistance guidelines recommended by the UK Slip Resistance Group, Issue 3, 2005.

³ Roughness measurements should not be relied upon of themselves to judge the likely slip resistance of a floor.



SLIP RESISTANCE TESTING USING THE PENDULUM TESTER
BS 7976:Part2:2002

Site:	N/A
Date of Test	15 February 2006
Rubber Slider Type:	96 (formerly known as 4S)
Material Under Test:	Uniq Supadek, 300 x 220 x 40mm

Sample No.	Material	Surface Roughness ¹ R _z , μm		Ambient Temperature, °C	Orientation	Slip Resistance Value	
		Plain	Texture			Dry	Wet
						Mean	Mean
F65253	Light texture	4.8	27.6	20	Along	51	45
					Across	64	44
F65254	Heavier texture	5.2	26.5	20	Along	51	48
					Across	65	42

1 Surface roughness is not covered by our UKAS accreditation