

Dimension Stone Testing

Sampling Requirements and Typical Turnaround

TEST METHOD	SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS	TYPICAL TURNAROUND
ASTM C97 Water Absorption		
and Bulk Specific		
Gravity/Density	5 stone specimens, 3" x 3" x 3" cubes	3 weeks
	If there is no rift direction, only 10 stone specimens are	
	required. 20 stone specimens – 4" x 8" x 2 1/4" with 10 cut	
	with the top and bottom planes parallel to the rift and 10 cut	
ASTM C99 Modulus of	with the top and bottom planes perpendicular to the rift.	
Rupture	Please mark the rift direction on each specimen.	3 weeks
ASTM C120 Flexure Testing		
of Slate	Contact the lab for sampling.	3 weeks
ASTM C121 Flexure Testing		
of Slate	Contact the lab for sampling.	3 weeks
	If there is no rift direction, only 10 stone specimens are	
	required. 20 stone specimens - 3" cubes with 2 opposite	
ASTM C170 Compressive	faces parallel to the bedding or rift. Please mark the rift	
Strength	direction on each specimen.	3 weeks
	5 whole specimens The client must provide the thin-set,	
ASTM C482 (Modified) Bond	specify cure time needed and provide installation	Depends on curing
Strength	instructions for the set-up.	time specified
ASTM C485, C499, C502		
Warpage, Dimensions &		
Wedging	10 whole specimens	3 weeks
	16 sq. ft. of material The client must provide all materials,	
ASTM C627 Robinson Floor	except substrate. Please contact the lab for the additional	
Test	form required for this test.	6 weeks
ASTM C650 Chemical		
Resistance	15 specimens, 2" x 2"	3 weeks
	10 specimens, 3" x 3" x 3" This method runs for 300 cycles.	
ASTM C666* High Cycle	Contact the lab for a different testing procedure, if needed,	
Freeze / Thaw Resistance	and a quotation.	4 months
	If there is no rift direction, only 10 stone specimens are	
	required. 20 stone specimens – 15" x 4" x 1¼" with 10 cut	
	with the top and bottom planes parallel to the rift and 10 cut	
	with the top and bottom planes perpendicular to the rift.	
ASTM C880 Flexural Strength	Please mark the rift direction on each specimen.	3 weeks
ASTM C895 Lead &		
Cadmium Extraction	6 specimens, 6" x 6" or larger	4 weeks
	5 specimens, 3" x 3" Specimens to be cut from the center	
ASTM C1026 Freeze/Thaw	of 5 separate pieces.	4 months
ASTM C1028 Static		
Coefficient of Friction	3 specimens, 6" x 6" or larger	3 weeks



ASTM C1378 Stain		
Resistance	6 specimens, 4" x 4"	3 weeks
ASTM C1721 Petrographic		
Analysis	1 specimen (Any size)	8 weeks
ASTM C1895 Scratch		
Hardness	3 specimens, 3" x 12"	3 weeks
ASTM E1980 Solar		
Reflectance Index (SRI)	1 specimen, 4" x 4" or larger	3 weeks
ANSI A326.3 Dynamic		
Coefficient of Friction (Wet		
Only)	3 specimens, 8" x 8" or larger	3 weeks
ANSI A326.3 Dynamic		
Coefficient of Friction (Dry		
Only)	3 specimens, 8" x 8" or larger	3 weeks
ANSI A326.3 Dynamic		
Coefficient of Friction (Wet +		
Dry)	3 specimens, 8" x 8" or larger	3 weeks
ASTM E303 Pendulum	3 whole specimens	3 weeks
	6 sq. ft. of material If applicable, the client must provide	
	the provide installation instructions for the set-up and the	
DIN 16165 German Ramp	grout needed, along with the trowel size.	3 weeks
EN 14617-12 Dimensional		3 weeks when
Stability Test for Moisture	3 stone specimens, 12" x 12", when testing per EN 14617-12	tested per EN
Sensitivity of Stone	(contact the lab for alternative testing options)	14617-12