

Subject: Laminam 5.6mm on Shower Floors

Shower floors:

There are currently no standards that specifically address the required DCOF (Dynamic Coefficient of Friction) for shower floors. The only reference to wet surfaces in DCOF standards is ANSI A326.3-2017, which provides that “level interior spaces expected to be walked upon when wet with water shall have a wet DCOF of 0.42 or greater.” Shower floors that require a slope to drain would appear to fall outside this standard because they are not “level” surfaces; however, with the advent of linear drains, larger pieces of tile can be used without the need to conform to a sloping center drain.

Having a DCOF of 0.42, as referenced by ANSI A326.3, does not necessarily mean a product is appropriate for all applications. For commercial wet areas such as gang showers it is strongly recommended to use smaller sized tiles or mosaics that will ensure both increased drainage and traction.

Since there are no specific DCOF standards for shower floor applications, each user must make their own decision as to the appropriate DCOF of the flooring used for this purpose. Structure on the surface of the tile can provide some additional traction in areas where grout joints are not present. However, given the lack of a recognized standard, suitability must be determined by the end user and/or specifier, and Crossville makes no recommendations as to the suitability of its products for such applications.

The following list constitutes the Laminam surfaces where there is texture present and therefore the possibility of increased traction for this type of application. Again, applicability is the responsibility of the end user and/or specifier.

Stocking:

Pietra Di Savoia (all colors)
Bianco Lasa (bush hammered)
Diamond Cream (bush hammered)
Satori (Brown and Black)

Special Order:

Emperador (all colors)
Nero Greco (bush hammered)
Tredi (all colors)
Statuarietto (bush hammered)
Arabascato (bush hammered)
Noir Desir (bush hammered)
Pietra Gray (bush hammered)