Material

Performance Makes the Difference

for Tile and Installation Materials

TCA == Tile Council of America, Inc.

Product Performance Testing Laboratory

TCA Product Performance Testing Rates

As one of the nation's leading ceramic tile and installation materials testing facilities, the Tile Council of America, Inc. (TCA) offers confidential product and performance testing conducted in a state-of-the-art laboratory facility. Test results are provided in a confidential report to each customer. Our staff has extensive experience in all phases of ceramic tile and installation material testing. The lab also provides custom testing services. Visit http://www.tileusa.com/laborderindex.htm and print an order form.

Tile Tests						
ASTM#	Test	# of Tiles	(ost		
C-370	Moisture Expansion	5	\$	275		
C-373	Water Absorption	5	\$	175		
C-424	Crazing Resistance	10	\$	250		
C-482	Bond Strength	5	\$	230		
C-484	Thermal Shock Resistance	10	\$	200		
C-485	Warpage	80	\$	450		
C-499	Facial & Thickness					
	Dimensions	80	\$	500		
	Taber Abraser	4	\$	400		
	Wedging	80	\$	450		
	Robinson Floor Test	16 sq. ft.		,500		
	Breaking Strength	10	\$	125		
	Chemical Resistance	10	\$	275		
	Modulus of Rupture	10	\$	250		
	Freeze-Thaw	10	\$	700		
	Surface-Abrasion	16	\$	300		
	Static Coefficient of Friction	_	\$	275		
	Staining Resistance	5	\$	150		
MOH's	Scratch Hardness	3	\$	50		

Installation Materials					
ANSI#	Tests I	Materials	Cost		
	Dry-set Portland Cement Morta	ar 50 lbs	\$1,150		
A118.2	Conductive Dry-set Portland Cement Mortar	50 lbs	\$ 650		
A118.3*	A118.3* Chemical Resistance Epoxy Mortar/				
	Grout & Epoxy Adhesive	2 gal	\$ 775		
A118.4	Latex Portland Cement Mortar	50 lbs	\$1,200		
A118.5*	Chemical Resistance Furan				
	Mortar/Grout	2 gal	\$1,200		
A118.6	Standard Cement Grout	25 lbs.	\$ 850		
A118.7	Polymer Modified Cement Gro	ut 25 lbs.	\$ 850		
A118.8	Modified Epoxy Emulsion				
	Mortar/Grout	50 lbs	\$1,100		
A118.10	Waterproof Membrane				
	a. Sheet Membrane	25 sq. ft.	\$1,250		
	b. Liquid Applied Membrane	5 gal.	\$1,450		
A118.11	EGP Mortar	50 lbs.	\$1,250		
A136.1	Organic Adhesive	3 gal	\$ 750		

International Standards for Ceramic Tile					
ISO#	Test	# of Tiles	Cost		
10545-2	Dimensions	10	\$ 275		
10545-3	Water Absorption				
	-Boiling Method	10	\$ 175		
	-Vacuum Method	10	\$ 100		
10545-4	M.O.R. & Breaking Strength	5	\$ 175		
10545-6	Deep Abrasion Resistance	5	\$ 225		
10545-7	Surface Abrasion Resistance	16	\$ 300		
10545-8	Linear Thermal Expansion	2	\$ 165		
10545-9	Thermal Shock Resistance	5	\$ 200		
10545-10	Moisture Expansion	5	\$ 275		
10545-11	Crazing Resistance	5	\$ 250		
10545-13	Chemical Resistance	8	\$ 275		
10545-14	Stain Resistance	5	\$ 150		

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Note: Prices do not include cost of additional materials required to perform tests.

- * Chemical resistance testing is available at \$100 per chemical.
- + Additional chemicals available for \$100 per chemical plus cost of chemicals.

Prices subject to change without notice. Effective February 1, 2003



Special Request Testing & Research Projects

To continue quality advancement in ceramic tile and installation materials, TCA conducts innovative and cooperative research. A 20 meter roller hearth kiln, 680 ton tile press,

and other laboratory equipment are available for research through our relationship with Clemson University.