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Foreword

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This British Standard is published by BSI Standards Limited, under licence from The British Standards Institution, and came into effect on 31 March 2017. It was prepared under the authority of Technical Committee PRI/60, *Resilient and Laminate Floor Coverings*. A list of organizations represented on this committee can be obtained on request to their secretary.

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Presentational conventions

The provisions of this standard are presented in roman (i.e. upright) type. Its recommendations are expressed in sentences in which the principal auxiliary verb is “should”.

Commentary, explanation and general informative material is presented in smaller italic type, and does not constitute a normative element.

The word “should” is used to express recommendations of this standard. The word “may” is used in the text to express permissibility, e.g. as an alternative to the primary recommendation of the clause. The word “can” is used to express possibility, e.g. a consequence of an action or an event.

Notes and commentaries are provided throughout the text of this standard. Notes give references and additional information that are important but do not form part of the recommendations.

Commentaries give background information.

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1 Scope

This British Standard gives recommendations for the installation of the following floor coverings on both new and existing construction:

- a) cork floor coverings;
- b) linoleum floor coverings;
- c) plastic floor coverings; and
- d) rubber floor coverings.

NOTE Special measures are necessary for successful installation of floor coverings such as those used for acoustic control, and are not included in this British Standard.

This British Standard does not cover the installation of these floor coverings on access flooring.

This British Standard does not include advice on cleaning and maintenance (for which, see BS 6263-2) but does include guidance on the decisions made at the design stage which assist cleaning and maintenance and enable the installation to give satisfactory service.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

BS 6263-2, *Care and maintenance of floor surfaces – Part 2: Code of practice for resilient sheet and tile flooring*

BS 8103-3, *Structural design of low-rise buildings – Part 3: Code of practice for timber floors and roofs for housing*

BS 8204-1, *Screeds, bases and in-situ floorings – Part 1: Concrete bases and cementitious levelling screeds to receive floorings – Code of practice*

BS 8204-5, *Screeds, bases and in-situ floorings – Part 5: Mastic asphalt underlays and wearing surfaces – Code of practice*

BS 8204-7, *Screeds, bases and in-situ floorings – Part 7: Pumpable self-smoothing screeds – Code of practice*

BS EN 204, *Classification of thermoplastic wood adhesives for non-structural applications*

BS EN 300, *Oriented strand boards (OSB) – Definitions, classification and specifications*

BS EN 312, *Particleboards – Specifications*

BS EN 350, *Durability of wood and wood-based products – Testing and classification of the durability to biological agents of wood and wood-based materials*

BS EN 622-2, *Fibreboards – Specifications – Part 2: Requirements for hardboards*

BS EN 635-2:1995, *Plywood – Classification by surface appearance – Part 2: Hardwood*

BS EN 636, *Plywood – Specifications*

BS EN 650, *Resilient floor coverings – Polyvinyl chloride floor coverings on jute backing or on polyester felt backing or on polyester felt with polyvinyl chloride backing – Specification*

BS EN 651, *Resilient floor coverings – Polyvinyl chloride floor coverings with foam layer – Specification*