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Tile: Italian Slate Series

IS-634 - SAN MARINO 6X6	IS-234 - SAN MARINO 2X2	IS-634 SBN - SAN MARINO 6X6 S	IS-634 DECO - SAN MARINO 6X6 D
IS-635 - MILAN 6X6	IS-235 - MILAN 2X2	IS-635 SBN - MILAN 6X6 S	IS-635 DECO - MILAN 6X6 D
IS-637 - NAPLES 6X6	IS-237 - NAPLES 2X2	IS-637 SBN - NAPLES 6X6 S	IS-637 DECO - NAPLES 6X6 D
IS-638 - FIRENZE 6X6	IS-238 - FIRENZE 2X2	IS-638 SBN - FIRENZE 6X6 S	IS-638 DECO - FIRENZE 6X6 D

Conditions: New tiles were sent to TILE INSTITUTE of AMERICA in sealed manufacturer's boxes from client above and selected at random.

Specification: ASTM C 648

Source: Tiles submitted by Client to Laboratory and selected at random from unopened containers.

Report of Test

BREAKING STRENGTH (ASTM C 648)

Standard Test Method for Breaking Strength of Ceramic Tile. This method provides the means for establishing whether or not this tile meets the strength requirements, which may appear in tile specifications. Tile strength is the force in pounds-force (or Newton's), as read from the pressure gauge, necessary to cause the tile to break. The load was applied at the rate of 1000 lbf/min. The tile samples were placed on a test fixture having three (3) supports located in a circle three and fifteen-thirty-seconds (3 15/32) inches in diameter with the load applied at the center as per specifications.

Requirements: ANSI A 137.1 (General) Breaking Strength. When tested as described in ASTM C 648, the average breaking strength for glazed wall tile shall be 90 and for glazed paver tile 250 pounds or greater.

The tile types and categories listed above yielded test values greater than Industry's requirements.

Test Results: **Passed**

Sincerely,

Gerald M. Halweg, CTC, CSI, TTA. Date: July 1, 2021
President/CEO of TILE INSTITUTE of AMERICA