

## About Ivy Hill Tile:

Ivy Hill Tile is a state-of-the-art tile retailer and manufacturer. Our team curates the finest materials from all over the world to bring our customers an extensive collection of exceptional products. We have a generous selection of every tile you could imagine, including but not limited to-porcelain, mosaic, and waterjet tiles. Founded in 2005, Ivy Hill Tile applies 21st century business practices to provide the most forward thinking, innovative, and efficient customer experience.

# Slip Resistance:

Slip resistance defines the slip resistance of a ceramic or natural tile as determined by the American Society of Testing Materials. Dynamic coefficient of friction (DCOF) is defined by a numerical range between zero and one. A meet the ADA guidelines, a tile must have a DCOF of .42 or greater. A Lower number for the DCOF has less friction, traction and the surface is there more slippery. A higher number for the DCOF has more friction, traction and the surface is therefore less slippery.

## Water Absorption:

Impervious	Tiles have the lowest absorption, 0.5% or less. These are suitable for all applications.
Vitreous	Tiles have a low absorption, .5- 3%. These are suitable for wet areas and outdoor application
Semi-Vitreous	Tiles are moderately absorbent, 3-7%. These can be used in most areas in the house
Non-Vitreous	The most absorbent tiles, exhibiting more than 7.0%. These tiles should only be used inside the house where there is no moisture or humidity. If outside the tile can crack due to freezing water.



#### Frost Resistance:

Frost rating defines a tiles ability to withstand damage caused by freeze/ thaw cycles as determined by American Society of testing Materials (ASTM). Tiles that are not able to withstand freeze/ thaw cycles are not suitable for outdoor use.

## Scratch Hardness – Mohs Scale Ratings:

Scratch resistance defines the hardness of a tile as determined by Mohs scale. The test is performed by scratching the surface of the tile with different minerals, the softest being talc (#1) and he hardest being diamond (#10)

- A numerical value of #5 or greater is suitable for residential application
- A numerical value of #7 or greater is suitable for commercial application

### Coloration:

Colorations in the tiles can vary slightly based on the manufacturing. Tiles can range from absolute consistency to a more random appearance. Here's an overview of color and shading of individual tile selections.

- ◆ LOW (V1) | Tiles display uniform color within each tile and from tile to tile
- MEDIUM (V2) | Slight variation in texture or pattern within a certain color
- HIGH (V3) | Moderate variation from tile to tile, and within each tile. The amount of colors on each piece might vary significantly.
- RANDOM (V4) | Considerable variation from tile to tile for a unique final installation. One tile



# Wear Rating:

Wear rating defines the abrasion resistance of ceramic tile as determined by the Porcelain Enamel Institute (PEI).

- PELL | Has the least durable surface and is not intended to be used on floors. *Used primarily as wall tile or decoration*
- PEI II | Is durable enough to withstand light residential foot traffic. *Used primary in bathrooms* and bedrooms
- PEI III | Is durable enough to withstand moderate or normal residential foot traffic. *Primarily used in kitchens and living spaces.*
- PEI IV | His durable enough to withstand heavy residential or like commercial foot traffic. Used primarily in entryways or hallways around the home and commercial spaces such as offices and salons.
- PEI V | Is Durable enough to withstand heavy commercial and industrial traffic areas. Commonly used in education, retail, and Industrial floor applications.