

PART 1 - GENERAL

1.1 WORK INCLUDES

- A. Base Bid: Unless noted otherwise, the General Prime Contractor shall provide all labor and materials for the complete installation of work as specified in this section.
  - 1. Modular carpet tile.

1.2 RELATED DOCUMENTS

- A. Drawings and general provisions of the Contract, including General and Supplementary Conditions and Division 01 Specification Sections, apply to this Section.

1.3 RELATED WORK

- A. Related Requirements:
  - 1. Section 024119 "Selective Demolition" for removing existing floor coverings.
  - 2. Section 096513 "Resilient Base and Accessories", Section 096519 "Resilient Tile Flooring" for resilient wall base and accessories installed with carpet tile.

1.4 PREINSTALLATION MEETINGS

- A. Preinstallation Conference: Conduct conference at Project site.
  - 1. Review methods and procedures related to carpet tile installation including, but not limited to, the following:
    - a. Review delivery, storage, and handling procedures.
    - b. Review ambient conditions and ventilation procedures.
    - c. Review subfloor preparation procedures.

1.5 ACTION SUBMITTALS

- A. Product Data: For each type of product.
  - 1. Include manufacturer's written data on physical characteristics, durability, and fade resistance.
  - 2. Include manufacturer's written installation recommendations for each type of substrate.
- B. Shop Drawings: For carpet tile installation, plans showing the following:

1. Columns, doorways, enclosing walls or partitions, built-in cabinets, and locations where cutouts are required in carpet tiles.
  2. Carpet tile type, color, and dye lot.
  3. Type of subfloor.
  4. Type of installation.
  5. Pattern of installation.
  6. Pattern type, location, and direction.
  7. Pile direction.
  8. Type, color, and location of insets and borders.
  9. Type, color, and location of edge, transition, and other accessory strips.
  10. Transition details to other flooring materials.
- C. Samples: For each of the following products and for each color and texture required. Label each Sample with manufacturer's name, material description, color, pattern, and designation indicated on Drawings and in schedules.
1. Carpet Tile: Full-size Sample.
  2. Exposed Edge, Transition, and Other Accessory Stripping: 12-inch- long Samples.
- D. Samples for Initial Selection: For each type of carpet tile.
1. Include Samples of exposed edge, transition, and other accessory stripping involving color or finish selection.
- E. Samples for Verification: For each of the following products and for each color and texture required. Label each Sample with manufacturer's name, material description, color, pattern, and designation indicated on Drawings and in schedules.
1. Carpet Tile: Full-size Sample.
  2. Exposed Edge, Transition, and Other Accessory Stripping: 12-inch- long Samples.
- F. Product Schedule: For carpet tile. Use same designations indicated on Drawings.
- G. Sustainable Product Certification: Provide ANSI/NSF 140 certification for carpet products.

## 1.6 INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS

- A. Qualification Data: For Installer.
- B. Product Test Reports: For carpet tile, for tests performed by a qualified testing agency.
- C. Sample Warranty: For special warranty.

## 1.7 CLOSEOUT SUBMITTALS

- A. Maintenance Data: For carpet tiles to include in maintenance manuals. Include the following:
  1. Methods for maintaining carpet tile, including cleaning and stain-removal products and procedures and manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule.
  2. Precautions for cleaning materials and methods that could be detrimental to carpet tile.

## 1.8 MAINTENANCE MATERIAL SUBMITTALS

- A. Furnish extra materials, from the same product run, that match products installed and that are packaged with protective covering for storage and identified with labels describing contents.
  - 1. Carpet Tile: Full-size units equal to 5 percent of amount installed for each type indicated, but not less than 10 sq. yd..

## 1.9 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Installer Qualifications: An experienced installer who is certified by the International Certified Floorcovering Installers Association at the [**Commercial II**] [**Master II**] certification level.
- B. Mockups: Build mockups to verify selections made under Sample submittals, to demonstrate aesthetic effects, and to set quality standards for fabrication and installation.
  - 1. Build mockups at locations and in sizes shown on Drawings.
  - 2. Subject to compliance with requirements, approved mockups may become part of the completed Work if undisturbed at time of Substantial Completion.

## 1.10 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. Comply with CRI's "CRI Carpet Installation Standard."

## 1.11 FIELD CONDITIONS

- A. Comply with CRI's "CRI Carpet Installation Standard" for temperature, humidity, and ventilation limitations.
- B. Environmental Limitations: Do not deliver or install carpet tiles until spaces are enclosed and weathertight, wet-work in spaces is complete and dry, and ambient temperature and humidity conditions are maintained at levels planned for building occupants during the remainder of the construction period.
- C. Do not install carpet tiles over concrete slabs until slabs have cured and are sufficiently dry to bond with adhesive and concrete slabs have pH range recommended by carpet tile manufacturer.
- D. Where demountable partitions or other items are indicated for installation on top of carpet tiles, install carpet tiles before installing these items.

## 1.12 WARRANTY

- A. Special Warranty for Carpet Tiles: Manufacturer agrees to repair or replace components of carpet tile installation that fail in materials or workmanship within specified warranty period.
  - 1. Warranty does not include deterioration or failure of carpet tile due to unusual traffic, failure of substrate, vandalism, or abuse.

2. Failures include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - a. More than 10 percent edge raveling, snags, and runs.
  - b. Dimensional instability.
  - c. Excess static discharge.
  - d. Loss of tuft-bind strength.
  - e. Loss of face fiber.
  - f. Delamination.
3. Warranty Period: 10 years from date of Substantial Completion.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 CARPET TILE

- A. Manufacturers: Subject to compliance with requirements, provide products by one of the following:
  1. Mannington Mills, Inc.
  2. Tandus; a Tarkett company.
  3. Mohawk Group
- B. Color: As selected by Architect from manufacturer's full range.
- C. Pattern: Match Architect's samples.
- D. Primary Backing/Backcoating: Manufacturer's standard composite materials.
- E. Secondary Backing: Manufacturer's standard material.
- F. Backing System: **<Insert proprietary name>**.
- G. Size: As selected by Architect from manufacturer's full range.
- H. Applied Treatments:
  1. Soil-Resistance Treatment: Manufacturer's standard treatment.
  2. Antimicrobial Treatment: Manufacturer's standard treatment that protects carpet tiles as follows:
    - a. Antimicrobial Activity: Not less than 2-mm halo of inhibition for gram-positive bacteria, not less than 1-mm halo of inhibition for gram-negative bacteria, and no fungal growth, according to AATCC 174.
- I. Performance Characteristics:
  1. Sustainable Product Certification: [**Silver**] [**Gold**] [**Platinum**] level certification according to ANSI/NSF 140.
  2. Emissions: Provide carpet tile that complies with testing and product requirements of [**CRI's "Green Label Plus" testing program.**] [**the California Department of Public**

**Health's "Standard Method for the Testing and Evaluation of Volatile Organic Chemical Emissions from Indoor Sources Using Environmental Chambers."**

3. Appearance Retention Rating: [**Moderate traffic, 2.5**] [**Heavy traffic, 3.0**] [**Severe traffic, 3.5**] <Insert number> minimum according to ASTM D 7330.
4. Critical Radiant Flux Classification: Not less than [**0.45 W/sq. cm**] [**0.22 W/sq. cm**] according to NFPA 253.
5. Dry Breaking Strength: Not less than 100 lbf according to ASTM D 2646.
6. Tuft Bind: Not less than [**3 lbf**] [**5 lbf**] [**6.2 lbf**] [**8 lbf**] [**10 lbf**] <Insert value> according to ASTM D 1335.
7. Delamination: Not less than [**3.5 lbf/in.**] [**4 lbf/in.**] <Insert value> according to ASTM D 3936.
8. Dimensional Tolerance: Within 1/32 inch of specified size dimensions, as determined by physical measurement.
9. Dimensional Stability: 0.2 percent or less according to ISO 2551 (Aachen Test).
10. Noise Reduction Coefficient (NRC): <Insert NRC> according to ASTM C 423.
11. Colorfastness to Crocking: Not less than 4, wet and dry, according to AATCC 165.
12. Colorfastness to Light: Not less than 4 after [**40**] [**60**] <Insert number> AFU (AATCC fading units) according to AATCC 16, Option E.
13. Electrostatic Propensity: Less than [**3.5**] [**2**] <Insert number> kV according to AATCC 134.

## 2.2 INSTALLATION ACCESSORIES

- A. Trowelable Leveling and Patching Compounds: Latex-modified, hydraulic-cement-based formulation provided or recommended by carpet tile manufacturer.
- B. Adhesives: Water-resistant, mildew-resistant, nonstaining, pressure-sensitive type to suit products and subfloor conditions indicated, that comply with flammability requirements for installed carpet tile, and are recommended by carpet tile manufacturer for releasable installation.
  1. VOC Content: 50 g/L or less.
- C. Metal Edge/Transition Strips: Extruded aluminum with mill finish of profile and width shown, of height required to protect exposed edge of carpet, and of maximum lengths to minimize running joints.

## PART 3 - EXECUTION

### 3.1 EXAMINATION

- A. Examine substrates, areas, and conditions, with Installer present, for compliance with requirements for maximum moisture content, alkalinity range, installation tolerances, and other conditions affecting carpet tile performance.
- B. Examine carpet tile for type, color, pattern, and potential defects.

- C. Concrete Slabs: Verify that finishes comply with requirements specified in Section 033000 "Cast-in-Place Concrete" and that surfaces are free of cracks, ridges, depressions, scale, and foreign deposits.
- D. Remove coatings, including curing compounds, and other substances that are incompatible with adhesives and that contain soap, wax, oil, or silicone, without using solvents. Use mechanical methods recommended in writing by carpet tile manufacturer.
  - 1. Moisture Testing: Owner's testing agency to perform tests recommended by floor covering manufacturer. Proceed with installation only after substrates pass testing.
    - a. Perform relative humidity test using in-situ probes, ASTM F 2170. Proceed with installation only after substrates have a maximum 85% relative humidity level measurement. If moisture exceeds 85% relative humidity rate, initiate contingency for high moisture readings below.
    - b. Perform anhydrous calcium chloride test, ASTM F 1869 for vapor emission, only if specified by flooring manufacturer. Proceed with installation only after substrates have maximum of 10 lb moisture-vapor-emission rate. If moisture exceeds the 10 lb moisture-vapor-emission rate, initiate contingency for high moisture readings below.
    - c. Contingency for high moisture readings: if at the time of testing the moisture readings are in excess of 10 lb moisture vapor emissions or 85% relative humidity, the Architect will direct owner's testing service to initiate a petrographic analysis to determine the water/cement ratio and if sufficient hydration has taken place. If the specifications were not followed in their entirety, water/cement ratio (as specified), and/or the concrete surface has been inadequately hydrated, the Contractor responsible for the placement of the cement shall be responsible for the costs associated with the petrographic analysis and subsequent remediation requirements.
    - d. If moisture related failure occurs, the Relative Humidity Test, ASTM F 2170, results will be the qualifying standard.
- E. Wood Subfloors: Verify the following:
  - 1. Underlayment over subfloor complies with requirements specified in Section 061600 "Sheathing."
  - 2. Underlayment surface is free of irregularities and substances that may interfere with adhesive bond or show through surface.
- F. Metal Subfloors: Verify the following:
  - 1. Underlayment surface is free of irregularities and substances that may interfere with adhesive bond or show through surface.
- G. Painted Subfloors: Perform bond test recommended in writing by adhesive manufacturer.
  - 1. Access Flooring Systems: Verify the following:
  - 2. Access floor substrate is compatible with carpet tile and adhesive if any.

3. Underlayment surface is flat, smooth, evenly planed, tightly jointed, and free of irregularities, gaps greater than 1/8 inch, protrusions more than 1/32 inch, and substances that may interfere with adhesive bond or show through surface.

H. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

### 3.2 PREPARATION

- A. General: Comply with CRI's "CRI Carpet Installation Standards" and with carpet tile manufacturer's written installation instructions for preparing substrates indicated to receive carpet tile.
- B. Use trowelable leveling and patching compounds, according to manufacturer's written instructions, to fill cracks, holes, depressions, and protrusions in substrates. Fill or level cracks, holes and depressions 1/8 inch wide or wider, and protrusions more than 1/32 inch unless more stringent requirements are required by manufacturer's written instructions.
- C. Concrete Substrates: Remove coatings, including curing compounds, and other substances that are incompatible with adhesives and that contain soap, wax, oil, or silicone, without using solvents. Use mechanical methods recommended in writing by adhesive and carpet tile manufacturers.
- D. Metal Substrates: Clean grease, oil, soil and rust, and prime if recommended in writing by adhesive manufacturer. Rough sand painted metal surfaces and remove loose paint. Sand aluminum surfaces, to remove metal oxides, immediately before applying adhesive.
- E. Broom and vacuum clean substrates to be covered immediately before installing carpet tile.

### 3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. General: Comply with CRI's "CRI Carpet Installation Standard," Section 18, "Modular Carpet" and with carpet tile manufacturer's written installation instructions.
- B. Installation Method: As recommended in writing by carpet tile manufacturer.
- C. Maintain dye-lot integrity. Do not mix dye lots in same area.
- D. Maintain pile-direction patterns: Verify with Architect.
- E. Cut and fit carpet tile to butt tightly to vertical surfaces, permanent fixtures, and built-in furniture including cabinets, pipes, outlets, edgings, thresholds, and nosings. Bind or seal cut edges as recommended by carpet tile manufacturer.
- F. Extend carpet tile into toe spaces, door reveals, closets, open-bottomed obstructions, removable flanges, alcoves, and similar openings.
- G. Maintain reference markers, holes, and openings that are in place or marked for future cutting by repeating on carpet tile as marked on subfloor. Use nonpermanent, nonstaining marking device.

- H. Install pattern parallel to walls and borders.
- I. Access Flooring: Stagger joints of carpet tiles so carpet tile grid is offset from access flooring panel grid. Do not fill seams of access flooring panels with carpet adhesive; keep seams free of adhesive.

### 3.4 CLEANING AND PROTECTION

- A. Perform the following operations immediately after installing carpet tile:
  - 1. Remove excess adhesive and other surface blemishes using cleaner recommended by carpet tile manufacturer.
  - 2. Remove yarns that protrude from carpet tile surface.
  - 3. Vacuum carpet tile using commercial machine with face-beater element.
- B. Protect installed carpet tile to comply with CRI's "CRI Carpet Installation Standard," Section 20, "Protecting Indoor Installations."
- C. Protect carpet tile against damage from construction operations and placement of equipment and fixtures during the remainder of construction period. Use protection methods indicated or recommended in writing by carpet tile manufacturer.

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