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Emission measurement according to M1

(3 appendices)

Assignment

At the request of Forbo Flooring AB an emission measurement regarding VOC according to “M1 Emission Classification of Building Materials: Protocol for Chemical and Sensory Testing of Building Materials”, ver 22.1.2015, has been carried out.

The measurements are made after 28 days of conditioning regarding volatile organic compounds, carcinogenic compounds (EU Regulation No 1272/2008 Annex VI, cat 1A and 1B), formaldehyde, ammonia and sensory acceptability.

Product/test specimen

Product type:	Flooring
Product name:	Marmoleum Decibel
Batch No:	21930, roll no: 087
Manufacturing date:	2015-09-15
Packaging:	2 m ² , wrapped in plastic foil
Arrived at SP:	2015-10-23
Test specimen preparation:	<p>Chemical testing: Two pieces of 0.49 x 0.49 were cut out. They were placed back-to-back with aluminium foil in between and edges were sealed with aluminium tape. Also parts of front sides were sealed. Total surface area = 0.44 m².</p> <p>Sensory testing: Three pieces of 0.49 x 0.49 were cut out. They were placed back-to-back with aluminium foil in between and edges were sealed with aluminium tape. Also parts of front sides were sealed. Total surface area = 0.66 m².</p>
Deviation from protocol:	No deviations
Test period started, date:	2015-10-28
Conditions during ageing:	23 ± 2 °C, 50 ± 5 % RH
Emission samplings, date:	2015-11-24 chemical, 2015-11-27 sensory

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Methods

The specimens were conditioned outside the testing chambers in a controlled climate conditions of 23 ± 2 °C and 50 ± 5 % RH. The specimens were placed in the chambers three days before the measurements.

Chamber conditions of the test of chemical emissions:

Test chamber volume:	1.0 m ³ , stainless steel
Temperature:	23 ± 1 °C
Relative Humidity:	50 ± 3 % RH
Air exchange rate:	0.5 h ⁻¹
Air velocity at specimen surface:	0.1 – 0.3 m/s
Area of sample:	0.44 m ²
Area specific air flow rate:	1.1 m ³ /m ² h

Chamber conditions of the test of sensory acceptability:

Test chamber volume:	1.0 m ³ , stainless steel
Temperature:	23 ± 1 °C
Relative Humidity:	50 ± 3 % RH
Supply air flow rate:	0.9 l/s = 3.24 m ³ /h
Area of sample:	0.66 m ²

Emission sampling and analytical methods:

Test	Sampling method	Adsorbent	Sampling volume (litre)	Analysis method / Quantification	Detection limit
VOC	SP 1314 ¹	Tenax TA	4 - 10	SP 0601 ² / FID quantification	1 µg/m ³
Formaldehyde	SP 1314 ¹	DNPH	73, 120	SP 2303 ³ / HPLC-UV	0.03 µg/sampler
Ammonia	SP 1314 ¹	Silica gel	210, 270	Liquid chromatograph with conductivity detector ⁴	0.9 µg/sampler
Sensory evaluation	Untrained panel of min 15 persons	--	--	--	--

¹⁾ In accordance with ISO 16000-9:2006, accredited method.

²⁾ In accordance with ISO 16000-6:2011 and M1 protocol, accredited method.

³⁾ In accordance with ISO 16000-3:2001, accredited method.

⁴⁾ The determinations of the sampled silica gel tubes were done by Sahlgrenska Universitetssjukhuset, Miljökemiska laboratoriet, Göteborg, not accredited method.

Tenax TA was used as adsorption medium for VOC. The Tenax tubes were thermally desorbed and analysed in accordance to ISO 16000-6:2011 (Determination of volatile organic compounds in indoor and test chamber air by active sampling on Tenax TA sorbent, thermal desorption and gas chromatography using MS/FID), accredited SP method 0601. This means an analysis in a gas chromatograph and detection with a flame ionisation detector (FID) and mass selective detector (MS). The FID signals are used for compound quantification. The TVOC is quantified as toluene equivalents. The mass selective detector is used for identification of compounds.

The capillary column used is coated with 5% phenyl/ 95 % methylpolysiloxane.

Tenax TA was also used as adsorption medium for testing of volatile carcinogenic compounds, according to EU Regulation No 1272/2008 Annex VI, cat 1A and 1B), (exclusive formaldehyde), 0.001 mg/m³ and above. The compound specific response factors were calculated.

The sampling of formaldehyde was carried out with DNPH samplers. The samplers were analysed according to ISO 16000-3 (in accordance to accredited SP method 2302), which means analysis on a liquid chromatograph with absorbance detector.

The sampling of ammonium was carried out with silicagel treated adsorbent tubes and analysis on a liquid chromatograph with conductivity detector.

Two subsequent samples were taken for the VOC determination, for the formaldehyde and for the ammonia respectively.

Results

The results of the chemical testing are expressed as concentrations in the model room and as area specific emission rates:

A model room has a volume of 30 m³ and an air change rate of 0.5 changes per hour. The concentration of VOC in the model room can be calculated according to this equation:

$$Conc = \frac{SER_a \times A}{n \times V}$$

Conc = concentration of a VOC in the model room, in µg/m³
 SER_a = area specific emission rate, in µg/m²h
 A = area of sample, in m² (12 m² for flooring)
 n = air exchange rate, in changes per hour
 V = volume of the model room, in m³

Results of the chemical testing of the sample of **Marmoleum Decibel** after 28 days:

Compound	Concentration in model room mg/m ³	Emission rate mg/m ² h	Criteria M1 mg/m ² h
TVOC	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.2
Carcinogens	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.005
Formaldehyde	0.001	0.001	< 0.05
Ammonia	< 0.003	< 0.004	< 0.03

Test report from Sahlgrenska Universitetssjukhuset: test report 2015:38 dated 2015-12-04.

See appendix 1 for gas chromatogram from the VOC determination.

Results of the sensory evaluation of the sample of **Marmoleum Decibel** after 28 days:

Evaluator	Sensory evaluation	Criteria M1
1	0.75	≥ + 0.0
2	1.00	
3	0.65	
4	0.95	
5	0.80	
6	0.95	
7	0.85	
8	0.85	
9	0.60	
10	0.25	
11	0.65	
12	0.95	
13	0.50	
14	0.50	
15	0.60	
Arithmetic mean of acceptability:	0.7	

Standard deviation: 0.21

90 % Confidence interval of arithmetic mean: 0.15

The empty sensory test chamber acceptability was determined 2015-11-25. The mean acceptability vote of the empty chamber > 0.8.

Interpretation of the results

The tested product **Marmoleum Decibel** complies with all the requirements of M1 for the tested parameters.

Detailed results

Detailed results (emission rates) of the chemical testing after 28 days:

Sample	TVOC (mg/m ² h) as toluene equivalents between C ₆ -C ₁₆	Formaldehyde (mg/m ² h)	Ammonia (mg/m ² h)	Carcinogens (mg/m ² h) between C ₆ -C ₁₆
1	< 0.010	0.001	< 0.005	< 0.001
2	< 0.010	0.001	< 0.004	< 0.001

Single VOCs above 0.005 mg/m³ in the model room (as toluene equivalents):

Single VOCs	Retention time (min)	CAS number	Concentration (mg/m ³)	
			Sample 1	Sample 2
Single VOCs C₆-C₁₆:	6.2 – 37.9			
No single VOC detected	--	--	--	--
		TVOC:	< 0.010	< 0.010
Single VOC outside C₆ – C₁₆:				
VVOC (< C ₆) ⁵	4.5 – 6.2			
No single VVOC detected	--	--	--	--
SVOC (C ₁₆ – C ₂₂) ⁶	37.9 - 42.0			
No single SVOC detected	--	--	--	--

⁵⁾ VVOC = very volatile organic compounds, as defined in ISO 16000-6 (not accredited)

⁶⁾ SVOC = semi-volatile organic compounds, as defined in ISO 16000-6 (not accredited)

Level of identification of compounds is 100 % for all compounds ≥ 0.005 mg/m³.

Measurements uncertainty

SER_{TVOC}: ± 15 %, SER_{Formaldehyde}: ± 30 %, SER_{NH₃}: ± 14 %

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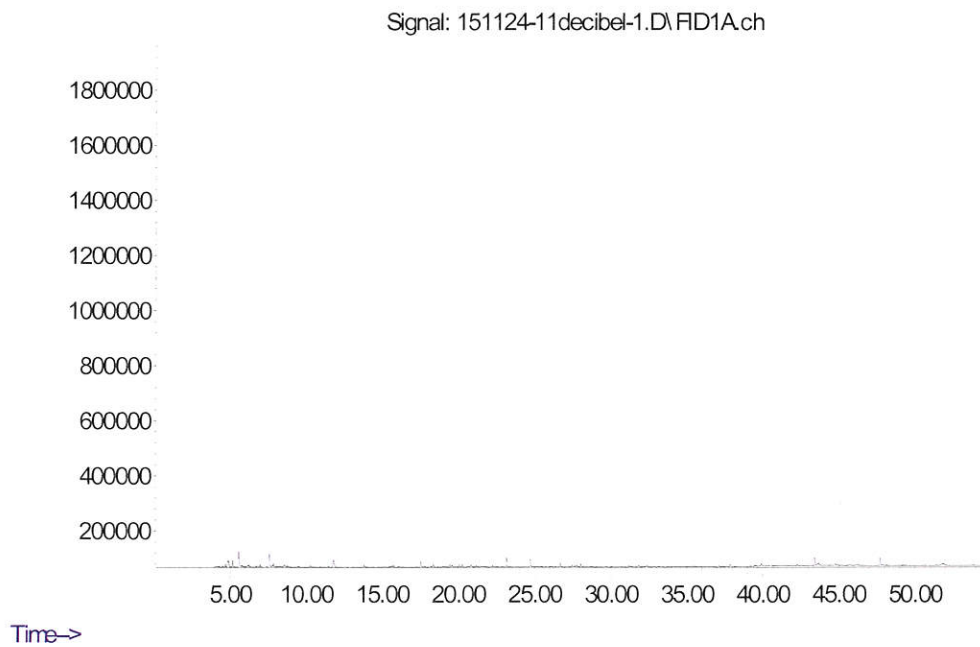
Appendices

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Appendix 1

Gas chromatogram

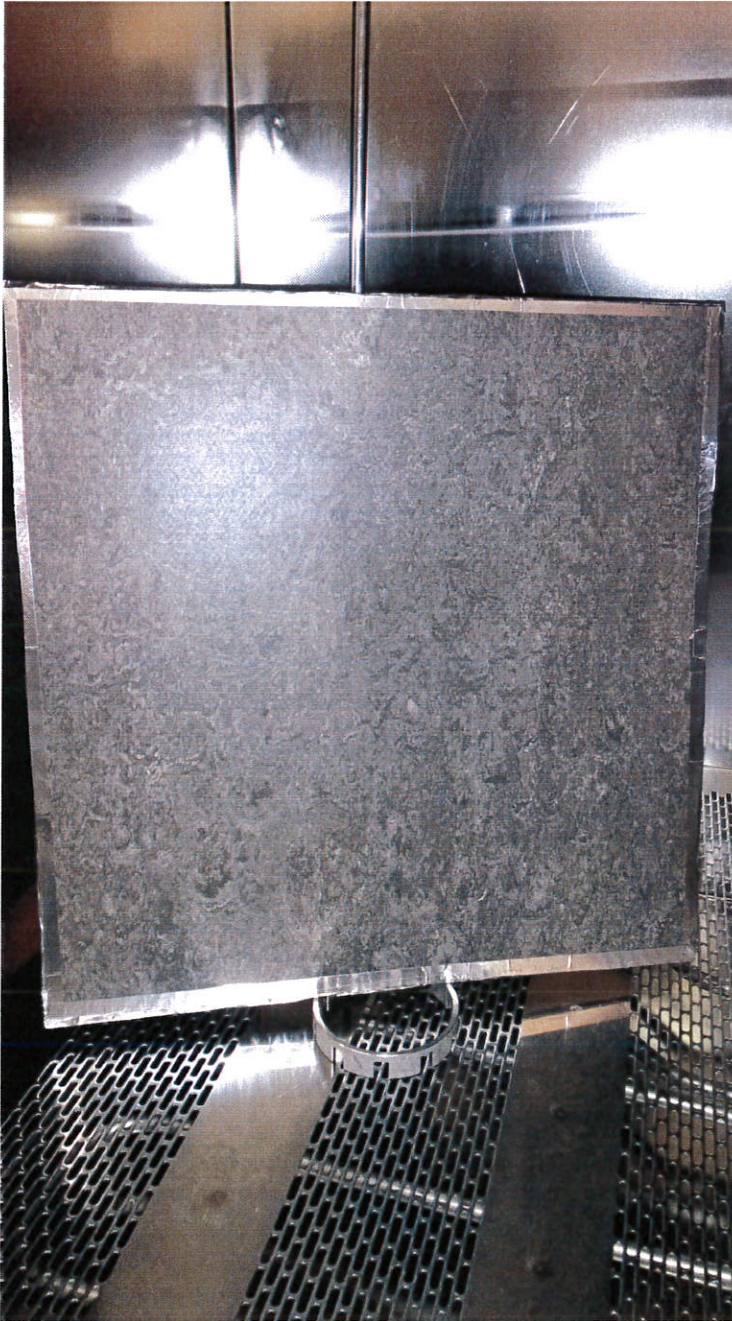
Sample: **Marmoleum Decibel**, after 28 days (sampled volume: 5.0 litres):
Abundance



TVOC between C₆ and C₁₆, means compounds eluting between 6.2 and 37.9 minutes.

Appendix 2

Photo of test specimen



One of the specimens of **Marmoleum Decibel**

Sampling Report

Sampler (Name, Company, contact info) Hanz Eckhardt Forbo Flooring AB August Barks Gata 26 421 32 Västra Frölunda Hanz.eckhardt@forbo.com 076-810 71 10	Manufacturer of the product Forbo Flooring Scotland
Name of product Marmoleum Decibel	Type of product Flooring
Manufacturing Date 2015-09-15	Batch No Roll nr 21930 087
Date of sampling 2015-10-21	Amount of material sampled 2 m2
Sample is taken from: Production line <input type="checkbox"/> Stock / Storage <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miscellaneous <input type="checkbox"/> -where, specify:	How was the product stored before sampling?
If a sub-sample was collected from a larger material amount, describe how the sub-sample was taken 1m (2 m2) was sampled from an unopened roll, first layers were removed then the sample material cut out and wrapped in plastic packing.	
Observations and remarks	
Confirmation I hereby confirm that the sample was selected, taken and packed in accordance with M1 testing protocol	
Date 21/10 -2015	Signature Hanz Eckhardt