

Product Certification Program



All Slip Resistant Products Are Not The Same?

Although two different materials may be classified as “slip-resistant,” each may perform very differently in the real world. That’s why the NFSI offers the first-of-its kind product certification program. Manufacturers can submit individual products to the NFSI for slip resistance analysis, which consists of two phases.

Phase 1 Testing.

Manufacturers submit products to the NFSI for laboratory testing with the UWT. Materials are wet tested for SCOF under NFSI 101A guidelines. If they meet the NFSI standard for slip resistance, they become eligible for Phase 2 Testing.



Phase 2 Testing.

Under Phase 2 testing, the product is installed into a real world application for a minimum of thirty days. Products are exposed to the same demands as that of the application they are intended including commercial traffic loads, exposure to cleaning agents, spills, etc. After the test period has expired, the material is cleaned and wet-tested for SCOF.

If the material again meets the NFSI’s minimum acceptable level of slip resistance, it will be classified as “High-Traction” and becomes NFSI certified. Names of certified products along with their manufacturers are available on the NFSI website www.nfsi.org.

Architects, designers and specifiers are urged to select products that are NFSI certified in high-risk areas. It is your assurance that the products have been clinically tested and meet the highest performance standards.

Submittal Guidelines:

Manufacturers are to provide a 3’ x 3’ sample of material along with recommended applications for use and maintenance guidelines. Samples will not be returned unless requested. Please visit the NFSI website for submittal details.

Costs:

Phase 1 Testing - \$295.00 per product

Phase 2 Testing - \$2800.00 per product (Please allow 6 weeks for completion)