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Tile: **Aqua Series**

AQ-1151 - ICE BOAT 1X1	AQ-1159 - TAHITI 1X1	AQ-1253 - FROZEN TUNDRA 1X2
AQ-1152 - ARCTIC FROST 1X1	AQ-1202 - BLUE OPAL 1X2	AQ-1256 - MONACO BLUE 1X2
AQ-1156 - MONACO BLUE 1X1	AQ-1203 - OBSIDIAN 1X2	AQ-1257 - DOLPHIN GREEN 1X2
AQ-1157 - DOLPHIN GREEN 1X1	AQ-1251 - ICE BOAT 1X2	AQ-1258 - BALI 1X2
AQ-1158 - BALI 1X1	AQ-1252 - ARCTIC FROST 1X2	AQ-1259 - TAHITI 1X2

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

The tile were bonded between concrete units and bonding mortar with latex-modified thin set mortar.
Specification: ASTM C 482

Report of Test

ADHESION BOND SHEAR STRENGTH (*ASTM C 482)

Standard Test Method for Bond Strength of Ceramic Tile. This method provides the means for establishing whether or not this tile can be bonded with adequate strength to Portland cement, which may appear in tile specifications. Tile bond adhesion strength is the force in pounds-force (or Newton's), as read from the pressure gauge, necessary to cause the tile's bond to shear. The load was applied at the rate of 1000 lbf/min. The tile samples were placed on a test fixture as per specifications after curing for 28 days. *Modified by using a Latex-modified thin set mortar bond coat complying with ANSI A108.4 as identified versus pure cement.

Requirements: ANSI A 137.1 (General) Bond Strength. When tested as described in ASTM C 482, the average bond strength shall be 50 pounds per square inch or greater. The UBC requires a shearing stress of 50 psi. The DSA/SS & OSHPD 1 requires 50 psi and bond strength of 100 psi.

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

Test Results: **Passed**

Sincerely,

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President/CEO of TILE INSTITUTE of AMERICA