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TIA's Client: 20260406 **Breaking Strength**
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Tile: **QUANTUM** Series (Item Description & Tile Color Name) Factory **AB-9**. Nominal size: Porcelain Tile.

- NOVA 6"x6"(274 lbs)
- NOVA 1"x2"
- NOVA 6"x6"SBN
- PRISM 6"x6"(268 lbs)
- PRISM 1"x2"
- PRISM 6"x6"SBN
- VECTOR 6"x6"(254 lbs)
- VECTOR 1"x2"
- VECTOR 6"x6"SBN
- QUANTUM BLEND DECO

Test Results: **All Passed**

The tile types and categories listed above yielded test values greater than Industry's requirements.
Specification: ASTM C 648 Source: New Tiles submitted by Client to Laboratory and selected at random.
stainless steel balls spaced in a circle of 3¹⁷/₃₂" inches in diameter), the smaller (1/8" diameter stainless steel balls
spaced in a circle of 0.645" inches in diameter), with the load applied at the center as per specifications.

Requirements: ANSI A 137.1 (General) Breaking Strength. When tested as described in ASTM C 648, the
average breaking strength for glazed wall tile shall be 90 lbs. or greater and for glazed paver tile 250 pounds
or greater.

BREAKING STRENGTH (ASTM C 648)

Standard Test Method for Breaking Strength of Tile. This method provides the means for establishing whether or not
this tile meets the strength requirements, which may appear in tile specifications. Tile strength is the force in pounds-
force (or Newton's), as read from the pressure gauge, necessary to cause the tile to break. The load was applied at
the rate of 1000 lbf/min. The larger tile samples were placed on a test fixture having three (3) supports (3/8" diameter

Sincerely,

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