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ProStrong matt surface characteristics

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Intelligent parquet functions

• Allergy-friendly features

ProStrong matt surface dispenses with the use of common, allergy-producing substances. Also, the establishment of molds, which may have an allergenic effect, is almost completely excluded by ProStrong matt surface in balanced indoor climate¹. Practical test: long-term walking test in an office building with street shoes, under conditions of normal stress. Following the test period, a normal dry floor cleaning (vacuum cleaner) was conducted; subsequently, the number of germs was determined, according to EN ISO 11737-1.

Antibacterial features

Establishment and survival of microorganisms, such as bacteria, is largely avoided by ProStrong matt surface applied to natural wood material. Should bacteria still accumulate, it can be almost completely removed by suitable cleaning so that the number of bacteria lies below the detection limit¹.

Antistatic

Products with a ProStrong matt surface are rated as "antistatic" (certificated according to EN 1815:1998, and classification following EN 14041:2008)

Maintenance-free in residential living

The ProStrong matt surface does not require complicated and time-consuming maintenance and care. The maintenance-free parquet merely has to be gently cleaned.

Safety

· Reaction to fire

ProStrong matt surface fulfills the requirements of the higher fire class Cfl -s1² (flame retardant) according to EN 13501. As a precondition for fire class Cfl -s1, a high-performance substrate and full-surface bonding must be given.

2) Except on stone pine

Slip resistant properties

According to the test results determined in accordance with DIN 51130, the ProStrong matt surface is classified in the R9 slip resistance class. This R-value depends on the haptic characteristics of the parquet and can be influenced by care films and cleaning residues.

Resistance

· Wear category

The ProStrong matt surface has attained the highest possible wear category of "C," according to ÖN C 2354, based on its degree of compliance (formability, scratch resistance, adhesion and chemical resistance).

• Resistance to diverse chemicals and substances

- Chemical resistant, according to DIN 68861, Part 1, Category 1B the second-highest among the 6 categories.
- Chemical resistant, according to DIN EN 13442
- Resistant to feces and urine
- Saliva and sweat resistant, according to DIN 53160-1/2.
- Resistant to common alcohol-based and acetate-based disinfectants.

• Scratch resistance

Scratch resistance of ProStrong matt surface is twice as high as that of conventional building site coatings. Test method: Hamberger Hobel

Adherence

Adherence, according to DIN EN ISO 2409 cross cut test, results in the highest category of "Gt 0 - no disbonding"

· Suitability for chair wheels

Based on the test procedure according to EN 425, ProStrong matt surface does not show any obvious damage, and thereby fulfills associated requirements far beyond the norm.



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Wheelchair suitability

The use of wheel chairs is unproblematic due to soft rubber wheels. A regular cleaning and care with ProStrong Polish is recommended to avoid greying due to skid marks.

Yellowing resistance

The coating features a yellowing resistance vis-à-vis daylight and sunlight ("light resistance"). Owing to natural discolorations of the wood, a color change may occur despite the yellowing resistance of the coating.

• Blue Angel and TÜV

The coating system meets the requirements of the Blue Angel environmental label and the TÜV PROFICERT-product Interior emissions test.

Environmental harmlessness

Origin

All components of the ProStrong matt surface are manufactured in the European Union in compliance with the strict European standards applicable concerning human rights, employment protection, occupational health protection, the environment and quality.

Substances, composition

- The coating system complies with the requirements of the environmental label of "Blue Angel" (RAL ZU176), in that they contain none of the following toxic substances:
 - Substances which are carcinogenic, mutagenic and toxic for reproduction
 - VOC (volatile organic compounds) emissions
 - asbestos
 - heavy metals (like lead, cadmium or mercury compounds)
 - phenols and cresols
 - pentachlorophenol (PCP), polychlorinated bi- and terphenyls (PCB, PCT)
 - lindane
 - material protection agents (pesticides, fungicides, insecticides, bactericides, herbicides or flame retardants)
 - the organic solvents: benzol, methyl glycol, ethyl glycol, methyl glycol acetate and ethyl glycol acetate
 - volatile chlorofluorocarbons or chlorinated hydrocarbons
 - formaldehyde
 - colorants, dyes and pigments not in compliance with EN 71 3 (safety of children's toys)
 - banned azo dyes, according to the German Consumer Goods Ordinance
 - halogens / halogen-organic compounds
- Moreover, the coating is <u>free of other toxic substances</u>, such as
 - Softeners (phthalates) relating to EN 71-3
 - Potent greenhouse substances, PFC (perfluorocarbons), HCFC (hydrochlorofluorocarbons) or CFC (chlorofluorocarbons)
 - PVC (polyvinyl chloride), PU (polyurethane)
- The ProStrong matt coating complies with the requirements according to the AgBB scheme. The Committee for Health-related Evaluation of Building Products (AgBB) is the association of German environmental and healthcare authorities. It is responsible for the establishment of emission limits for building products marketed in Germany.

Disposal

According to the German Waste Wood Ordinance, which regulates the material and energetic recycling and disposal of waste wood, Weitzer floors with a ProStrong matt surface are to be classified under waste wood category II. This category is the highest that processed wood can attain and it means that products belonging to this waste wood category are completely suitable for a recycling of materials, for instance as raw material for the wooden board basic material sector.

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