

REVIEWS OF THE SLIPALERT BY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

AUSTRALIA

The CSIRO has tested 30 surfaces with SlipAlert. From "Slip resistance, Maintenance and Social Responsibility," published in Tile Today by Richard Bowman has the following comments;

"The SlipAlert website provides comparative test results for ten surfaces that suggest that the results are in reasonable agreement with those of the Pendulum. CSIRO has found similar agreement when assessing the comparative wet slip resistance performance on some ten hard and twenty resilient surfaces, covering a wide range of surface textures."

"Given that the SlipAlert is so quick and simple to use, it is anticipated that it will rapidly become the accepted tool for property managers to monitor cleaning performance between independent slip resistance audits, which might be carried out less frequently. Once a SlipAlert device is kept on site, there is the additional advantage of having it on hand should an accident occur, since measurements can be made immediately".

UNITED KINGDOM

The British government's Health and Safety Executive (HSE) is the agency responsible for enforcement of health and safety regulations in the United Kingdom. Their mission is to protect people's health and safeties by ensuring risks in the changing workplace are properly controlled.

The HSE review of SlipAlert appears in Contemporary Ergonomics 2005, published for the Ergonomics Society by Taylor and Francis. The paper is, "Roller Coaster Slip Tests Putting Slip Testing Back on the Rails!" by Hallas, Shaw, Lemon & Thorpe. They tested SlipAlert on 22 types of flooring, including terrazzo, VCT, parquet, linoleum, ceramic and quarry tile, wood, concrete, natural stone, and mosaic.

"In terms of operation the Slip Alert is very simple and user friendly".

"The Slip Alert appears to be able to generate a wider range of results and for this reason produces results that better reflect the Pendulum SRV numbers. When there is a difference between the CoF values generated and the Pendulum SRV numbers the test generally errs on the side of caution by underestimating the level of slip resistance. It is therefore unlikely that an unsafe floor would be erroneously classified as safe by Slip Alert".

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