

# FLOOR COVERINGS

**VARIOUS SERVICES** offered including certification and testing.



## BCTC - Who are we?

BCTC is an operating division of BTTG - Testing and Certification Ltd, which is a subsidiary company of BTTG Ltd.

BTTG was formed in 1988 by the merger of Wira and the Shirley Institute, organisations that have made some 90 years each of major contributions to the development of textiles and their performance.

The history of BCTC dates back to 1982 when it was formed by the amalgamation of the Wira floor coverings department with the Technical arm of the British Carpet Manufacturers Association.

However, this belies the total carpet background in that Wira had been associated with the floor covering industry for some 30 years prior to that date and had developed a range of carpet testing equipment and associated International Standards - that are still used today.

The BCTC developed Hexapod Tumbler Tester determines the Appearance Retention aspect of the European wide textile floor covering classification scheme, EN 1307.

## What services can we provide?

**Testing** - The range of tests offered by BCTC is by far the greatest available, is carried out in UKAS accredited laboratories to ISO 17025 and is linked with our expert consultancy and investigation services.

Where requested informed comments are given with test reports. These comments are based on our vast knowledge of the industry, test method and classification scheme development and complaint investigation work. All opinions and interpretations are also covered by our UKAS accreditation.

Our Fire Testing laboratories are Notified in accordance with the Construction Products Directive for provision of testing to the Euroclasses, EN 13501-1 for floor coverings. This covers EN ISO 9239-1 - Reaction to fire tests for flooring - Part 1 Determination of the burning behaviour using a radiant heat source; and EN ISO 11925-2 - Reaction to fire tests for building products - Part 2- Ignitability when subjected to direct impingement of flame.



We offer the largest range of accredited floor covering tests in the UK.

Our Staff regularly attend BSI, CEN and ISO technical committees as UK experts on performance testing and flammability.

Through BTTG we are a Notified Body and a Notified Laboratory for the Construction Products Directive (CPD).

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**VARIOUS SERVICES** offered to resolve both domestic and contract floor covering disputes.



## Investigation

Various services are offered to resolve both domestic and contract floor covering disputes. These range from comments based on paper submissions alone to on-site inspection reports that are defended in court should this be required.

Two services, arbitration and mediation, produce a decision that is binding on all the interested parties negating the need for costly litigation. Arbitration is recognised by the EC EEJ (European Extra Judicial Network).

Where required, decisions can be validated by use of our extensive test facilities and the interpretation of results by the expertise of our staff.

## Certification

Through BTTG being a Notified Body we are able to provide full certification services for floor coverings to both the CPD and Marine Equipment Directives. This means that our certification clients can affix the CE mark, the Wheelmark or both.

BCTC staff have been actively involved in the standards committees that developed EN 14041 Resilient, Textile and laminate floor coverings - Essential Requirements; which is the relevant CE marking standard. As such we are eminently placed to provide the CE marking service and appropriate advice to floor covering manufacturers.

## Why use BCTC?

- Our expertise - we have been actively involved with the floor covering industry and its clients for over 50 years; **what other independent test house can make a similar claim?**
- A large proportion of the carpet testing equipment and standard methods of test in use worldwide were developed by us - **can any other British organisation claim this?**
- The range of tests offered for the industry is by far the greatest available in any UKAS accredited laboratory.
- BCTC staff are actively engaged on BSI, CEN and ISO committees concerning new and improved test methods, specifications and for the future **Disability Discrimination, Environmental issues including recycling and disposal, ecological constraints and lifestyle issues.** BCTC and its staff are well known and are respected internationally.
- We obtain the views of other organisations representing all the involved parties from manufacture to disposal. This allows us to achieve an **unbiased view** and present a **balanced consensus worldwide.**



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