Tarkett Introduces Acczent Flourish Heterogeneous Sheet Flooring, Combining Beauty and Optimal Hygienic Performance

SOLON, Ohio (September 21, 2015) – Tarkett, the worldwide leader in innovative flooring and sports surfaces solutions, introduces its Acczent® Flourish heterogeneous sheet flooring. As one of the most versatile commercial sheet vinyl products available today, Acczent Flourish delivers the look and feel of luxury vinyl tile while providing optimal hygienic performance.

“Acczent Flourish has been designed and tested to enhance infection protection and overall performance across healthcare facilities,” said Jeremy Salomon, Senior Product Manager with Johnsonite. “Aesthetically speaking, its simple design meets the needs of individual spaces, and also pairs well with other Johnsonite solutions to create smooth transitions between hospital areas.”

Designed and colored to coordinate with Johnsonite homogeneous products for use where heterogeneous flooring isn’t appropriate, Acczent Flourish provides design continuity throughout any commercial space. Three beautiful design visuals, each offered in 10 different colors, integrate with a wide range of commercial environments. It also works well with Johnsonite luxury vinyl tile (LVT) for design freedom in large spaces.

With fewer seams for germs to hide, and the ability to be flash coved and heat welded, Acczent Flourish is ideal for application in sterile areas. Its exceptionally hard-wearing UV-cured polyurethane surface treatment and 32mil wear layer provide unparalleled hygienic capabilities similar to Luxury Vinyl Tile in a sheet format.

In addition to its many infection control features, Acczent Flourish is 23 percent pre-consumer recycled content, phthalate free, TVOC ≤ 10 µg/m, 100 percent recyclable, and FloorScore® certified. Its construction and maintenance routine will generate savings during the product’s lifetime versus other products with PUR construction, yielding annual savings of 17 percent in labor costs, 23 percent less water, 83 percent less detergent and 66 percent less energy to maintain.
### About Tarkett
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Tarkett Enhances Arcade™ Rubber Sheet Flooring Solution with New Arcade™ Tonal

CHAGRIN FALLS, Ohio (June, 2015) – Tarkett, the worldwide leader in innovative flooring and sports surfaces solutions, today introduced its new Arcade™ Tonal Rubber Sheet Flooring pattern. Ideal for healthcare and education segments, Arcade Tonal provides slip resistance, shock absorption and acoustic properties.

Arcade Tonal joins the high-performing Arcade™ flooring line with a new color palette of 40 tone-on-tone expressions. Medium-toned base colors softly saturate the space while light and dark accents add subtle patterning interest without a heavy design element. Arcade Tonal appears as an overall blush from afar and casts soft hues of varying tones up close, making it a great solution to coordinate across multiple product categories. Each colorway carries its own weld rod color, engineered for rubber flooring, providing for the ideal finishing detail.

“"It is exciting to add Arcade Tonal to the Arcade family of flooring solutions, which was inspired by the need for a solid color look with the functionality of a patterned floor,” said Joe Visintin, product manager with Johnsonite. “The variety of carefully-selected colors with soft visual configurations offer architects and designers more aesthetic choices, and work well in healthcare, education, corporate and hospitality settings among others.”

The Arcade rubber compound is engineered with unique physical properties to resist tearing and damage during installation around fixtures, doorframes, outside corners, and complex pattern work. Arcade, which can be installed using low-emitting water-based adhesives, is durable, comfortable and quieter under foot than other resilient flooring. Additionally, its long life cycle and low maintenance requirements offer greater resource efficiency than many other materials for a greater return on investment.

Further enhancing Tarkett’s Balanced Choice approach to flooring solutions, Arcade Tonal is designed to pair with rubber treads, transitions, corner guards and more for a perfectly-color coordinated flooring system.
Made In the USA in an ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified manufacturing facility, all Arcade Rubber Sheet Flooring meets the ASTM F 1859 Standard Specification for Rubber Sheet Flooring, ASTM E 648 Class 1 Flame Resistance and has an ASTM E 662 Smoke Developed Rating of less than 450. The products are also FloorScore® certified and can be returned as job-site waste for repurposing through Tarkett’s ReStart™ Recycling and Reclamation program.

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Tarkett Introduces Newly Updated
Johnsonite® Safe-T-First System, Bringing Photoluminescent Technology to Commercial Spaces

SOLON, Ohio (October, 2015) – Emphasizing its ongoing commitment to product advancement and design excellence, Tarkett, the worldwide leader in innovative flooring and sports surfaces solutions, introduces its newly updated Safe-T-First System (STF). In compliance with International Building Code requirements, the revamped STF utilizes photoluminescent technology to provide a complete escape path marking system through emergency egress stairwells and hallways that may go dark in the event of a fire or other unexpected power outage.

Why Safe-T-First?

When emergency exit routes are no longer visible, this increases potential injury and even death due to slips or falls. As proven in a study conducted by the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the speed of evacuation in a dark stairwell with photoluminescent markings was statistically equal to the speed of evacuation in a standard lighted stairwell. STF integrates photoluminescent technology into color- and design-coordinated resilient flooring products, allowing the space to look well-designed when lit, in addition to providing safe passage when dark.

“In times of an emergency, many escape routing systems are electrical or battery-powered, and cannot be relied upon in a power failure,” said Jeff Robinette, product manager, Tarkett. “By incorporating photoluminescent technology in STF, we have addressed International Building Code requirements, making it the perfect solution for emergency egress applications in a wide range of commercial buildings.”

What is Photoluminescence?

Photoluminescence is a phenomenon caused by non-toxic, inorganic strontium aluminate crystals absorbing light source energy. During a fire or other unexpected power outage, the stored energy is released in the form of a yellow-green light. Particularly at a low location, where smoke is less dense, STF outlines continuous pathway elements to facilitate orientation and minimize panic.

Safe-T-First Product Specifications
STF features:
- Low maintenance, highly durable surface finishes that diminish the use of water, chemicals and energy.
- Inorganic strontium aluminate crystals used in the photoluminescence are non-toxic and free from radioactivity.
- Made in the U.S.A. in an ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 Certified Plant.

The Safe-T-First collection features:
- 36 palette A ColorMatch® colors that coordinate through every Johnsonite flooring solution
- 62 additional colors in rubber stair treads
- 106 additional colors in wall base

Versatile in its design, Safe-T-First can be used as an entire system or as individual product solutions. It is the most complete, color coordinated system on the market, which complies with IBC requirements. Clearly, no other egress routing system integrates safety, aesthetics and function like Safe-T-First.

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Tarkett Brings Natural, Organic Visuals to Rubber Flooring With New Minerality™ Wood/Stone Look Rubber Tile

CHAGRIN FALLS, Ohio (August, 2015) – Inspired by the rich, organic look of natural wood and stone, Tarkett, the worldwide leader in innovative and sustainable flooring and sports surface solutions, introduces the new Johnsonite Minerality™ Wood/Stone Rubber Tile and Plank. Available in both tile and plank format, versatile Minerality combines an understated, classy sophistication with the performance luxuries of a rubber flooring solution.

Minerality’s designs are inspired by the natural grain of wood and stone materials, bringing linear and striated visuals to rubber tiles and planks. The new designs bring a uniqueness and luxury to each individual tile and plank and help to serve as a focal point or coordinated shade for any interior design concept. These sophisticated looks are ideal for healthcare, retail and corporate where the benefits of rubber flooring are desired and where real stone and wood flooring is impractical and cost prohibitive.

In line with the singularity of natural stone and wood, no two patterns are exactly alike. Blending the look of organic materials and their natural colorways with the practical characteristics of resilient rubber flooring gives Minerality its unique appearance, and is the only look of this type in rubber tile on the market today. Additionally, Minerality Grains wood planks’ 6” x 48” size is unique to the industry. And Minerality Strata tiles look like real 12” x 24” stone inlays. Custom sizes are available in both.

These sophisticated looks also provide slip resistance, shock-absorbing qualities and natural acoustic properties, making Minerality rubber flooring options ideal for the hospitality and corporate market segments.

Combining the superior durability and low maintenance requirements of the rubber tiles and planks, Minerality delivers reduced costs and a long life cycle.

Keeping with Tarkett’s commitment to circular or “closed-loop” design, Minerality is made in the USA in an ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified plant, assuring quality and a positive environmental impact. The product has received Cradle-to-Cradle Bronze status, is FloorScore® certified as well as phthalate
free, contributing to good indoor air quality. Made from rubber, Minerality is also recyclable.

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