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## LVT UNDER RESILIENT STANDARD!

**ERFMI (European Resilient Flooring Manufacturers' Institute) warns of the risk that LVT is being brought to the market only meeting the technical requirements of EN 16511.**

This EN 16511 standard should only be used for the so called 'hybrids' (hybrid decorative floating floor covering panels) and not for resilient products such as LVT.

LVT (Luxury Vinyl Tiles) should consistently meet the requirements of the standard for heterogeneous vinyl floor covering EN ISO 10582.

Due to an unfortunate course of events the formulation of the EN 16511 leaves room to use this standard for LVT. But the requirements for the hybrid standard are well below what the European Resilient Industry is considering as necessary for LVT. Essential properties as colour fastness, wear layer & overall thickness and curl are not requested in the hybrid standard. Furthermore the requirements for locking strength, residual indentation and dimensional stability are incorrect for resilient flooring.

### Two new initiatives

In the meantime ERFMI members have started two initiatives to adapt the relevant two older standards in order to meet the latest developments in the market.

First the EN ISO 10582 will be expanded to cover specific requirements for LVT. This process is underway and shortly a draft international standard will be published as a prEN ISO 10582. Secondly the existing EN 14085, the standard for resilient floor coverings on panels, will also be adapted. For instance by including locking strength and transferred in a new ISO standard: ISO 20236 (resilient floor covering specification for floor panels for loose laying).

In working group 10 of CEN TC 134, floor covering specialists of the resilient, carpet and laminate industry are working closely together to ensure requirements across the various product categories will be consistent.

### Information

More information about ERFMI is found on [www.erfmi.com](http://www.erfmi.com)

The mentioned standards EN ISO 10582 and EN 14085 are identical to:

Germany	DIN EN ISO 10582 and DIN EN 14085
France	NF EN ISO 10582 and NF EN 14085
UK	BS EN ISO 10582 and BS EN 14085