

## Metropolitan Ceramics® Unglazed Ceramic Quarry Tile

Schools are built to last and the building products that go into them must last as well. And schools and universities are made up of a number of different areas – all with different purposes.

All areas have different needs when it comes to floor covering. Many areas like kitchens, labs, locker rooms, restrooms, maintenance areas, cafeteria food service, entryways, courtyards, walkways, shop rooms, offices, and commons, need a durable product that will stand up to the foot traffic and various spills and moisture associated with their use. These 'hard working' areas need a 'hard working' flooring product.

It is also vitally important that flooring used in hard working areas does not clash with other elements of the school's design. Instead the floor should complement the design for a consistent look throughout.

Metropolitan Ceramics unglazed ceramic quarry tile meets and exceeds these requirements for the hard working areas of schools and universities. With a 50+ year life cycle and a variety of natural earth tone colors to choose from, Metropolitan is the right choice. Metropolitan is easy to maintain with neutral cleaners for green maintenance and is the best value over the life of the building.

Not all areas of a school are the same and no one floor covering will work everywhere. For hard working areas indoors and out, choose the hard working floor covering – Metropolitan Ceramics.



Metropolitan Ceramics shown above in a hallway and cafeteria setting. To the right, a kiln fired shade variation product works well for a locker room application. Areas like these - subject to spills and moisture - are perfect for Metropolitan.



- **Use Indoors and Out in any Climate.**
- **Slip Resisting Surface.**
- **Extreme Durability for Heavy Traffic.**
- **Will not Bubble-Chip-Melt.**
- **Resists Grease-Bacteria-Dirty Water.**
- **Economical.**
- **Unglazed Surface Won't Show Wear.**
- **Can be Used Vertically.**
- **Resists Chipping and Abrasion.**

### Green at a Glance

- 1 Abundant natural resource.
- 2 Little waste in production.
- 3 No volatile organic compounds.
- 4 Offering decades of performance.
- 5 Safe to discard or repurpose.





## Sizes, Colors, Textures

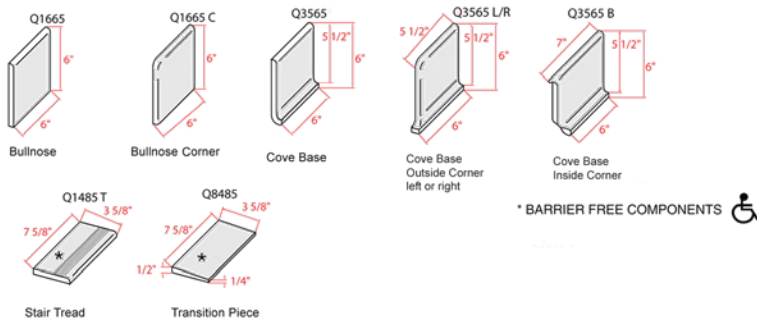
Sizes options include 4" x 8", 4" x 12", 6" x 9", 8" x 8" and 6" x 6". Many size options are nominal (for example, the 4" x 8" is actually 3 5/8" x 7 5/8") to allow for a grout joint when designing patterns. The most popular size 6" x 6" is (actual size). Tile thickness is 1/2". For specific applications, some products are available by special order in 3/8" and 3/4" thickness. Different size options are available in each product line. See the Metropolitan Ceramics website for complete details.

The grout joint recommended in most instances is 3/8". A 1/4" joint may sometimes be used in some instances, see web site for details. Metropolitan quarry tile is available in a variety of natural earth tones. Some products are reduction fired in the kilns to produce a random shade variation. Many colors are manufactured with little to no shade variation for a 'single tone' appearance.

A number of products are available with texture for added appeal and to increase slip resisting properties. Details on all products manufactured by Metropolitan Ceramics are available on the Metropolitan Ceramics' website- [www.metroceramics.com](http://www.metroceramics.com).

## Trim Pieces

Metropolitan Ceramics offers a number of trim pieces. Shown below are some of the most popular trim options. Please see the Metropolitan web site- [www.metroceramics.com](http://www.metroceramics.com) for a complete listing of trim and availability.



## Test Results

SPECIFICATION	TEST	STANDARD	RESULT
Abrasion Resistance	ASTM C1243	Maximum value of 275 mm <sup>3</sup>	Metropolitan tests at < 275 mm <sup>3</sup>
Absorption 5-hour boil	ASTM C373	Maximum 5%	Metropolitan tests at 3% maximum and qualifies as vitreous.
Breaking Strength	ASTM C648	Average ≥ 250 lbf.	Metropolitan tests at 400 lbf. or better.
Thickness	ASTM C499	Max. range of .050"	Metropolitan meets the standard.
Nominal Size	ASTM C499	The facial dimension of each tile in the sample shall not vary more than ±2.00% from the nominal dimension.	Metropolitan meets the standard.
Freeze/ Thaw	ASTM C1026	Observations after 300 cycles. No visible damage	Metropolitan meets the standard.
Shear Bond Strength	ASTM C482	50 P.S.I. or better	Metropolitan exceeds the standard.
DCOF Acu Test	ANSI 137.1 - 2012 BOT 3000	No industry standard Threshold of 0.42	At time of manufacture, Metropolitan QUARRYBASICS® abrasive and QUARRYBASICS® X-Colors tests at ≥0.75. All other Metropolitan products test above 0.60.
Warpage	ASTM C485	Min. -.15% Max. 1.5% along any edge. Min -1.0% Max 1.0% on either diagonal.	Metropolitan meets the standard.
Wedging	ASTM C502	Min. -.10% Max. 1.0%	Metropolitan meets the standard.
Chemical Resistance	ASTM C650	As Reported	Class A Classification
Stain Resistance	ASTM C1378	As Reported	Metropolitan meets the standard.
Scratch Hardness	MOHS	No Industry Standard	7

## Added Slip Resistance



**QUARRYBASICS® Abrasive**  
Silicon Carbide Abrasive.



**METRO TREAD®**  
Raised Tread Design- installed in a checkerboard pattern.

*Metro Tread has the added benefit of ease of cleaning. Will not trap debris. Meets the strictest health department regulations-California- without the need for additional drains.*

## Environmental

Metropolitan Ceramics products meet requirements for sustainable building and may contribute to a building receiving a level of LEED certification by their use. For more information on Metropolitan Ceramics and the environment, please visit our web site [www.metroceramics.com](http://www.metroceramics.com).



To the left is a map showing the area that makes up a 500 mile radius around the Metropolitan Ceramics manufacturing facility located in Canton, Ohio. This is an important component of the LEED regional material credit

## Specifications

By ANSI Standard Specification A137.1 Metropolitan Ceramics' unglazed quarry tile is classified as quarry tile, however, the exceptional technical characteristics noted allow them to be used in virtually any application suitable for ceramic tile. Metropolitan Ceramics' unglazed tile meets both the ASTM standards, the ANSI A137.1 specification for quarry tile, and Metropolitan internal standards as listed.

## Cleaning and Maintenance

*Metropolitan quarry tile is easy to maintain and requires only neutral cleaners and no special power washing!*

For complete specification and cleaning/maintenance information, including download versions, please visit our web site.

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