Metropolitan Ceramics®
Unglazed Ceramic Quarry Tile

Wherever food and drink is being served to the public, there needs to be a floor covering that fits the decor and performs great.

Metropolitan Ceramics products meet these needs— not only in a back-of-the-house setting, but also in the front-of-the-house where sure footing and durability are just as important. This is especially true in heavy traffic areas where moisture is common.

And with Metropolitan’s Down to Earth product line, additional character has been added to the tile with popular sizes, textures, and random shading.

Metropolitan can fit with any style from traditional to contemporary while providing the most dependable ceramic tile available. And since Metropolitan is extruded and hard fired for low absorption, the design can carry from outside to indoors for continuity throughout.

FEATURES & Benefits
- 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.
- Unglazed Surface Won’t Show Wear.
- Can be Used Vertically.
- Resists Chipping and Abrasion.
- Economical.

GREEN at a Glance
- Abundant natural resource.
- Little waste in production.
- No volatile organic compounds.
- Offering decades of performance.
- 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 - 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 - metroceramics.com for a complete listing of trim and availability.

Test Results

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<tr>
<td>Abrasion Resistance</td>
<td>ASTM C1243</td>
<td>Maximum value of 275 mm(^3)</td>
<td>Metropolitan tests at &lt; 275 mm(^3)</td>
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<td>Absorption 5-hour boil</td>
<td>ASTM C373</td>
<td>Maximum 5%</td>
<td>Metropolitan tests at 3% maximum and qualifies as vitreous.</td>
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<td>Breaking Strength</td>
<td>ASTM C648</td>
<td>Average ≥ 275 lbf.</td>
<td>Metropolitan 1/2” thick tests at 800 lbf. or better. Metropolitan 3/8” thick tests at 400 lbf. or better.</td>
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<td>Thickness</td>
<td>ASTM C499</td>
<td>Max. range of .050”</td>
<td>Metropolitan meets the standard.</td>
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<td>Nominal Size</td>
<td>ASTM C499</td>
<td>The facial dimension of each tile in the sample shall not vary more than ±2.00% from the nominal dimension.</td>
<td>Metropolitan meets the standard.</td>
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<td>Freeze/ Thaw</td>
<td>ASTM C1026</td>
<td>Observations after 300 cycles. No visible damage.</td>
<td>Metropolitan meets the standard.</td>
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<td>Shear Bond Strength</td>
<td>ASTM C482</td>
<td>50 P.S.I. or better</td>
<td>Metropolitan exceeds the standard.</td>
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<td>DCOF Acu Test (wet)</td>
<td>ANSI A326.6-2017 BOT 3000</td>
<td>Threshold of 0.42</td>
<td>At time of manufacture, Metropolitan QUARRYBASICS(^\circledR) XA Abrasive tests at ≥0.70. All other Metropolitan products exceed 0.60.</td>
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<td>Warpage</td>
<td>ASTM C485</td>
<td>Min. -1.5% Max. 1.5% along any edge. Min.-1.0% Max. 1.0% on either diagonal.</td>
<td>Metropolitan meets the standard.</td>
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<td>Wedging</td>
<td>ASTM C502</td>
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<td>Chemical Resistance</td>
<td>ASTM C650</td>
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Added Slip Resistance

QUARRYBASICS\(^\circledR\) XA Abrasive
- Silicon Carbide Embedded Surface
- Through-the-Body Metallic Additive

METRO TREAD\(^\circledR\)
Raised Tread Design - installed in a checkerboard pattern.

Environmental
For more information on Metropolitan Ceramics and LEED V4, please visit our web site - metroceramics.com.

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 - metroceramics.com.

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