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#### SUBJECT:

Testing of "Cresto" Brand Solid Surfacing Material

#### **TESTED FOR:**

CO-Top Design Services No. 2 Kranji Link Singapore 728648

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### **SAMPLE DESCRIPTION:**

The following "Cresto" brand solid surfacing material test specimens were submitted by CO-Top Design Services on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Nominal specimen dimensions	Quantity
300mm x 150mm x 12mm	5 pcs
250mm x 250mm x 12mm	4 pcs
200mm x 200mm x 12mm	6 pcs
76mm x 25mm x 12mm	8 pcs
64mm x 13mm x 12mm	12 pcs
50mm x 50mm x 12mm	45 pcs
50mm x 25mm x 12mm	4 pcs
8mm x 8mm x 12mm	2 pcs
300mm x 150mm x 12mm	2 pcs
9mm x 9mm x 9mm	5 pcs
ASTM D638, Type III	7 pcs

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#### **TEST METHODS:**

PS 18: 1966

International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials - Material and Property Standard for Cultured Marble Lavatory

1) Density

ASTM D792-2008

Standard Test Methods for Density and Specific Gravity (Relative Density) of Plastics by Displacement

Norminal specimen dimensions

50mm x 25mm x 12mm

No. of determinations

Impact Resistance

PS18, Clause 4.1

Norminal specimen dimensions

250mm x 250mm x 12mm

Dropped height

No. of determinations

3) Barcol Hardness PS18, Clause 5.4

Norminal specimen dimensions

250mm x 250mm x 12mm

No. of determinations

4) Oven Test for Cracking and Crazing

PS18, Clause 5.5

200mm x 200mm x 12mm

Norminal specimen dimensions

74 ± 2°C for 10 days

Test condition No. of determinations

5) Water Absorption PS18, Clause 4.4

Norminal specimen dimensions

76mm x 25mm x 12mm

Pre-conditioning

50 ± 3°C for 24hrs 23 ± 1°C for 24hrs

Water immersion Reconditioning

50 ± 3°C for 24hrs

No. of determinations

6) Stain

PS18, Clause 5.8

Norminal specimen dimensions

250mm x 250mm x 12mm

Test condition

23 ± 2°C for 24hrs

No. of determinations

7) Scrub Test (Washability) PS18, Clause 5.9

Norminal specimen dimensions

300mm x 150mm x 12mm

No. of cycles

40,000

No. of determinations

2

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## **TEST METHODS (CONTINUE):**

8) Cigarette Test PS18, Clause 5.8

Norminal specimen dimensions :

150mm x 150mm x 20mm

Burning time

3 mins

No. of determinations

9) Izod Impact Strength

ASTM D256:2010

Standard Test Methods for Determining the Izod Pendulum Impact Resistance of Plastics

Norminal specimen dimensions 64mm x 12mm x 12mm Capacity of pendulum 2J No. of determinations 9

Tensile Properties

10) Tensile Properties

ASTM D638:2003

Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Plastics

Nominal specimen dimensions ASTM D638, Type III Initial gauge length 50mm Length of grip separation 115mm Crosshead speed

5mm/min

No. of determinations

5

11) Coefficient of Thermal Expansion by Thermomechanical Analysis

ASTM E831:2006

Standard Test Method for Linear Thermal Expansion of Solid Materials by Thermomechanical Analysis

Instrument used

TMA 2940 Thermomechanical Analyzer

Test condition

Ambient to 200°C

Nominal thickness

9 mm

Heating rate

: 5°C/mln

Load

0.02N

Atmosphere

Air

12) Chemical Resistance

Norminal specimen dimensions

50mm x 50mm x 12mm

Test condition

 $23 \pm 2$ °C for 24hrs

No. of determinations

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## **TEST RESULTS:**

S/N	Test Characteristics	Test Results / Obervations	PS 18-66 Test Requirements
1	Density (g/cm³), average	1.80	NA
2	Impact Resistance	No visible cracks was observed	Shall not show cracks
3	Barcol Hardness, average	60	40 minimum
4	Oven test for Cracking or Crazing	No visible cracks or crazing was observed	Shall not show evidence of cracking or crazing
5	Water absorption (a) Water absorbed (%), average (b) Increase in weight (%), average (c) soluble matter (%), average	0.039 0.036 0.003	Shall not absorb water in excess of 0.58% in 24hrs
6	Stain (a) Coffee (b) Tea (c) Washing Detergent (d) Acetone (e) Olive Oil (f) Lipstick (g) Fly Spray (h) Ink Washable (i) 6% Urea (j) Alcohol (k) 1% lodine (l) Shoe Polish (paste form) (m) Vinegar (n) 10% Household Ammonia Solution (o) 10% Citric Acid solution (p) Amy Acetate (q) Carbon Tetrachloride (r) Trisodium Phosphate	No effect	Shall be such that it will withstand all reagents
7	Scrub Test	Slight brush were observed on the two tested solid surface panels	Shall withstand 40,000 cycles. Only slight brush marks are allowed
8	Cigarette Test (mm)	0.01	Shall not be more than 0.38mm
9	Izod Impact Strength (J/m), average	19.8	NA NA
10	(a) Maximum Tensile Strength (MPa), average	25.7	NA
	(b) Elongation at Break (%), average	0.2	NA
11	Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (µm/m°C) (a) Alpha 1 (50°C to 80°C) (b) Alpha 2 (140°C to 180°C)	41 90 (Figure 1)	NA

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## **TEST RESULTS: (CONTINUE)**

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Chemical Resistance	Results	Test Requirement	
1) Hydrofluoric Acid (Conc)	0.5	1.0	
2) Hydrofluoric Acid (50%)	0.5	0	
3) Hydrofluoric Acid (20%)	0,5	0	
4) Nitric Acid (Conc)	0.5	1.0	
5) Nitric Acid (20%)	0	0	
6) Sulphuric Acid (98%)	2.0	3.0	
7) Sulphuric Acid (20%)		0	
8) Perchloric Acid (80%)	0.5	0	
9) Perchloric Acid (12%)	0	0	
10) Phosphoric Acid (85%)	4.0	0	
11) Phosphoric Acid (17%)	0	0.5	
12) Sodium Hydroxide (sat. aq)	0 3 3 3 7 7	0,5	
13) Sodium Hydroxide (20%)	0	2.0	
14) Potassium Hydroxide (30%)	0	0.5	
15) Potassium Hydroxide (10%)	0 / L	0	
16) Alcoholic Potassium Hydroxide (30%)		0	
17) Ammonia (0.89%)	0.5	0	
18) Acetone	0	0.5	
19) Chloroform		0	
20) Carbon Tetrachloride	O 2/4 12 244	0	
21) Toluene	O	<i>ii</i>	
22) Iso-propyl-alcohol (IPA)		0	
23) Tetra hydro furan	0,5	0	
24) Ethyl acetate	12 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 2	0	
25) Di-ethyl-ether	0	0	
26) Bleach (Household)	0	0	
27) Hydrogen peroxide (3%)		0	
28) Iodine (3.5%) aq	2.0	0	
29) Bromine (sat. aq)	0, 0,	0	
30) Potassium permanganate (sat.)	2.0	0	
31) Ferric chloride (25%)	0	0	
32) Silver Nitrate (5%)	0	1.0	
33) Lead acetate (sat. aq)	0	- 0	
34) Writing ink (Common)	0	0	
35) Gentian violet (1% aq)	2.0	0	
36) Motor Oil	0	0	
37) Methyl alcohol	0	0	
38) Acetic Acid	0.5	0	

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## **REMARKS:**

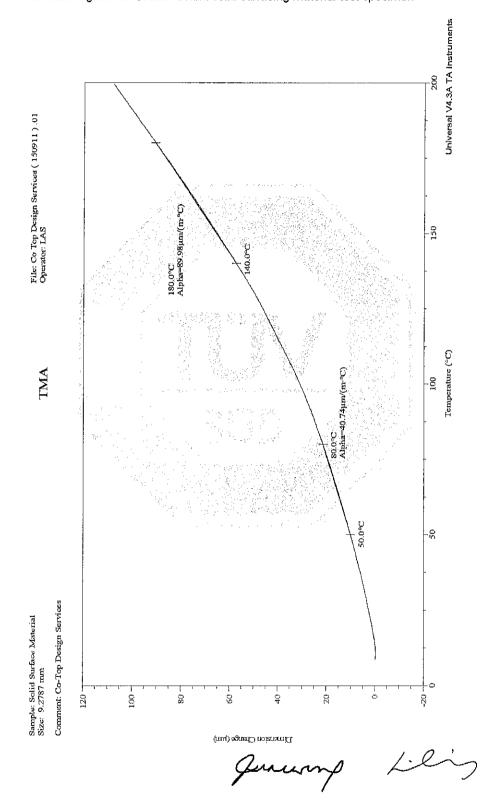
0 denotes "No effect" 0.5 denotes "Faint Mark"
1.0 denotes "Noticeable Mark"
2.0 denotes "Obvious Mark"
3.0 denotes "Severe Mark"

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Figure 1: TMA thermogram of "Cresto" brand solid surfacing material test specimen





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