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Tile: **Southern Islands Series, color mottled "SIS-1206 Mix 6 1x2" glass body, fiber-mesh back mounted.**

Nominal size: 1" x 2" x 1/4" Pattern. Tile made in China.

Conditions: New tiles sent to TILE INSTITUTE of AMERICA in sealed manufacturer's boxes from client above and selected at random.

The tiles were bonded between concrete units and bonding mortar with latex-modified thin set mortar. Specification: ASTM C 482

### Report of Test

#### **ADHESION BOND SHEAR STRENGTH (\*ASTM C 482)**

Standard Test Method for Bond Strength of Ceramic Tile. This method provides the means for establishing whether or not this tile can be bonded with adequate strength to Portland cement, which may appear in tile specifications. Tile bond adhesion strength is the force in pounds-force (or Newton's), as read from the pressure gauge, necessary to cause the tile's bond to shear. The load was applied at the rate of 1000 lbf/min. The tile samples were placed on a test fixture as per specifications. \* Modified by using a bond coat as identified versus pure cement.

Sample #	Days Cured	Bonding Material	Sq. Inches	Load Pound	PSI	Failure %
1	28 Dry	Latex-modified thin set mortar	36	2520	70	T/m-100%
2	28 Dry	Latex-modified thin set mortar	36	2484	69	T/m-100%
3	28 Dry	Latex-modified thin set mortar	36	2052	57	T/m-100%
4	28 Dry	Latex-modified thin set mortar	36	2376	66	T/m-100%
5	28 Dry	Latex-modified thin set mortar	36	2304	64	T/m-100%
Average				2347.2	65.2	PASS

**Requirements:** ANSI A 137.1 (General) Bond Strength. When tested as described in ASTM C 482, the average bond strength shall be 50 pounds per square inch or greater.

Test Results: **Pass**

Sincerely,

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