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Seven New Standards Added to ANSI A108/A118/A136.1

Seven new important standards have been added to the *American National Standard Specifications for the Installation of Ceramic Tile* (ANSI A108/A118/A136.1). Published by the Tile Council of North America (TCNA), the ANSI A108, A118, and A136.1 standards are used in tandem with the *TCA Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation* for specifying and installing ceramic tile.

This publication reflects the work of the TCNA, the ANSI A108 Committee, and many subcommittee participants over the last six years! There are seven new standards and an important revision:

New Standards:

1. A108.01 General Requirements: Subsurfaces and Preparations by Other Trades
2. A108.02 General Requirements: Materials, Environmental, and Workmanship
3. A108.14 Installation of Paper-Faced Glass Mosaic Tile
4. A108.15 Alternate Method: Installation of Paper-Faced Glass Mosaic Tile
5. A108.16 Installation of Paper-Faced, Back-Mounted, Edge-Mounted, or Clear Film Face-Mounted Glass Mosaic Tile
6. A108.17 Installation of Crack Isolation Membranes for Thin-set Ceramic Tile and Dimension Stone
7. A118.12 American National Standard Specification for Crack Isolation Membranes for Thin-set Ceramic Tile and Dimension Stone Installation

Revision (re: Deflection)

Previously, references to deflection stated, "Floor areas over which tile is directly bonded to [the] subfloor shall not have a deflection greater than 1/360 ... when tested per ASTM C627...." Now, deflection criteria refer to the international bldg. codes; the codes refer to 1/360 but also specify load criteria, which is much more useful to a design professional.

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The new standards, A108.01 and A108.02, contain text previously in the forward (AN section) and the general requirements (A-1 through A-3) sections of the previous edition. By taking these sections through the official balloting procedure, they are now formally part of the entire A108 series of standards.

“The Tile Council plans on reviewing the ANSI A108/A118/A136.1 standards on a more frequent basis; standards have previously been reviewed every five years. We are looking at cutting that period in half – say every 24 months,” commented Eric Astrachan, ANSI Co-Secretariat and Executive Director of the Tile Council.

To order a copy of the new ANSI A108/A118/A136.1 standards (\$25.00 plus shipping/handling), contact the Tile Council at 864-646-8453, or visit the publications page on www.tileusa.com for an order form.

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