



Still going strong after 35 years on the job

Altro continues to prove its longevity for economic flooring life cycle solutions

Altro D25 Bone

With the Sydney Monorail's safety flooring operating in first class condition after 20 years, here's another real life example of how long Altro products keep performing at their optimum level.

Recently the team at Altro Australia uncovered a member of a market-leading national chain of supermarkets in Doncaster, Victoria that had been built in 1973.

The delicatessen area still had the original floor down, Altro D25 Bone.

Over the years it had only been repaired around some water outlets, with the integrity of the sheet vinyl still very much safe and sound. It was still performing its anti-slip and hygiene functions without any visible signs of wear.

In fact, Altro decided to test it to see exactly how the slip resistance has stood up after all these years. So Altro called an independent test house to conduct a slip resistance Pendulum Test.

As per Australian Standards, the test was conducted in 5 separate areas around the floor; including right in front of the chicken cooker that daily challenges flooring surfaces. With its radiated heat and hot chicken fat it is one of the most dangerous parts of the floor for slips.

The official result for the test was 46, qualifying the floor as a Class W or Low Risk of Slippage. This is the same expectations as a brand new Altro D25 floor.

So, even after 35 years of non-stop use, the Altro D25 is still performing as well as the day it went in!

When queried on how they cleaned the floor, the deli staff said they sweep it regularly, mopped it once a day, and very occasionally gave it a hose and squeegee.

"I have been providing Altro flooring solutions for years, and I know it is a quality product, but when you see it in real life after 35 years, well it blew me away. This supermarket really proves to me that the Altro quality is something our competitors can't match.

By using Altro's proven installation methods, and a little bit of care, these floors are the long term answer, far exceeding their warranty periods.

Think of how many accidents it has prevented in the past 35 years!

Other flooring products such as ceramics and resin compounds are being replaced after 3 to 10 years. This adds further costs due to the longer periods of business interruption companies suffer during refurbishment."

Glen Stratton, Altro's National Retail Sector Manager.

"This floor is going to outlast the building. The Altro safety floor still provides excellent slip resistance; we never had an issue with slips in all the time it has been down."

Supermarket spokesman

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