**DIVISION 09 – FINISHES**

**SECTION 09 65 19.23 – VINYL TILE FLOORING**

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**BEGINNING OF SECTION 09 65 19.23**

**PART 1 – GENERAL**

1. **GENERAL PROVISIONS**
   1. Attention is directed to the CONTRACT AND GENERAL CONDITIONS and all Sections within DIVISION 01 - GENERAL REQUIREMENTS which are hereby made a part of this Section of the Specifications.
2. **DESCRIPTION OF WORK**
   1. **Work Included:** Provide labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the work of this Section, including but not limited to the following:
      1. Rigid Core Premium Click Floating Luxury Vinyl Tile Flooring
      2. Substrate Preparation
   2. **Related Work:** The following items are not included in this Section and are specified under the designated Sections:
      1. Section 03 30 00 CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE for concrete substrate; slab surface tolerances
      2. Section 06 10 00 ROUGH CARPENTRY for plywood substrate and surface tolerances
      3. Section 09 69 00 ACCESS FLOORING for resilient floor covering for access panels
   3. **References (Industry Standards):**
      1. ASTM International (ASTM):
         1. ASTM F3261, Standard Specification for Rigid Core Flooring
         2. ASTM E648, Standard Test Method for Critical Radiant Flux of Floor Covering Systems Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source
         3. ASTM E662, Standard Test Method for Specific Optical Density of Smoke Generated by Solid Materials
         4. ASTM D2047, Standard Test Method for Static Coefficient of Friction as Measured by the James Machine
         5. ASTM F970, Standard and Modified Test Method for Static Load Limit
         6. ASTM F970 (Modified), Modified Standard Test Method for Maximum Load Limit
         7. ASTM F925, Standard Test Method for Resistance to Chemicals of Resilient Flooring
         8. ASTM F1514, Standard Test Method for Measuring Heat Stability of Resilient Flooring
         9. ASTM F1515, Standard Test Method for Measuring Light Stability of Resilient Flooring by Color Change
         10. ASTM F1914, Standard Test Method for Short-Term Indentation and Residual Indentation or Resilient Floor Covering
         11. ASTM F2199, Standard Test Method for Determining Dimensional Stability of Resilient Floor Tile After Exposure to Heat
         12. ASTM E90, Standard Test Method for Determining the Sound Transmission Class of Resilient Floor Tile
         13. ASTM E492, Standard Test Method for Determining Impact Insulation Class of Resilient Floor Tile
         14. ASTM E2179, Standard Test Method for Determining Delta Impact Sound Insulation of Resilient Floor Tile
3. **SUBMITTALS**
   1. **General:** Submit listed submittals in accordance with Conditions of the Contract and Division 1 Submittal Procedures.
   2. **Product Data:** Submit manufacturer's technical data sheet, care & maintenance document, submittal and/or warranty for each material and accessory proposed for use (available at [www.sixdegreesflooring.com](http://www.sixdegreesflooring.com)).
   3. **Samples:** Submit representative samples of each product specified for verification, in manufacturer’s standard size samples of each resilient product color, texture and pattern required.
4. **QUALITY ASSURANCE**
   1. **Manufacturer Qualifications:** Provide resilient flooring materials manufactured in the United States of America by a firm with a minimum of 10 years’ experience with resilient flooring materials of type equivalent to those specified.
      1. Provide resilient flooring products, including wall base, accessories, subfloor preparation products and adhesive from one manufacturer to ensure quality, color matching and compatibility.
      2. Manufacturer shall be capable of providing technical training and technical field service representation.
   2. **Installer Qualifications:** Installer must be professional, licensed, insured and familiar with the resilient flooring to be installed. Project Managers or Field Supervisors must be INSTALL (International Standards & Training Alliance) certified CFI (Certified Floorcovering Installers) Certified and/or an FCICA (The Flooring Contractors Association) CIM (Certified Installation Manager) for the requirements of the project.
   3. **Sustainable Design Requirements:**
      1. Vinyl Tile flooring that does not require adhesive
      2. Vinyl Tile flooring that does not require coatings and strippers or the use of chemicals that may be hazardous to human health to maintain.
      3. Vinyl Tile flooring compliant with CA Section 01350 (low-emitting (VOC) building products).
      4. Vinyl Tile flooring with a good resistance to chemicals.
      5. Vinyl Tile flooring with a good slip resistance rating.
      6. Vinyl Tile flooring is free of materials known to be teratogenic, mutagenic or carcinogenic including halogens, asbestos and chlorines.
      7. Vinyl Tile flooring is 100% Recyclable.
      8. Vinyl Tile flooring is SCS FloorScore® Certified.
      9. Vinyl Tile flooring which qualifies for LEED Credits.
      10. Vinyl Tile flooring with an enhanced wear layer topped with a UV-cured, ceramic-reinforced polyurethane finish.
5. **DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING**
   1. Deliver materials in labeled packages. Store and handle in strict compliance with manufacturer's recommendations. Protect from damage due to weather, excessive temperatures, and construction operations.
   2. Deliver materials sufficiently in advance of installation to condition materials to the required temperature for 48-hours prior to installation.
6. **PROJECT CONDITIONS**
   1. Install Luxury Vinyl Plank after other finishing operations, including painting, have been completed.
   2. Maintain temperature at service levels and/or the ambient temperature must remain steady (± 10° F) between 65 degrees F and 85 degrees F for at least 48-hours prior to, during and until substantial completion.
   3. Maintain relative humidity at service levels, or between 40% and 65% RH.
7. **WARRANTY**
   1. Provide manufacturer’s standard limited commercial warranty to cover manufacturing defects:
      1. Limited Commercial Warranty

**PART 2 - PRODUCTS**

*Note To specifier: remove and amend sections as necessary.*

1. **MANUFACTURER**
   1. Basis-of-Design: Six Degrees Flooring | 931 Springville Ave. | Fostoria, OH 44830 | P: (844) 432-5885
   2. Substitutions: No substitutions permitted.
2. **RESILIENT LVT VINYL FLOORING**
   1. Six Degrees Flooring Luxury Vinyl Tiles - specify products with the following characteristics and meet the performance requirements for the following Industry Standards:
      1. VaraCore Rigid Core Luxury Vinyl Plank shall be **4 mm** in thickness.
      2. VaraCore Rigid Core Luxury Vinyl Plank shall be: **7 ¼” x 47 ¾”**
      3. STYLE AND COLOR: Specify style and color by code number *( style number and color number description are all listed on website:* [www.sixdegreesflooring.com](http://www.sixdegreesflooring.com) *and in the downloadable Full Product Brochure): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
      4. ASTM F3261, Rigid Core Flooring: Class I, Type B, Backing Class A
      5. ASTM E648, Critical Radiant Flux: Class I, >0.45 W/cm²
      6. ASTM E662, Smoke Density: Passes, <450
      7. ASTM D2047, Slip Resistance: >0.60
      8. ASTM F970, Static Load Limit: Passes, >250 PSI
      9. ASTM F970 (Modified), Max Weight: 2000 PSI
      10. ASTM F925, Chemical Resistance: Excellent (chart available)
      11. ASTM F1514, Heat Stability: Passes
      12. ASTM F1515, Light Stability: Passes
      13. ASTM F1914, Residual Indentation: Passes
      14. ASTM E90, Sound Transmission Class: STC 61, 6” slab with drop ceiling
      15. ASTM E90, STC with CSU-400: STC 61, 6” slab with drop ceiling
      16. ASTM E90, STC with FSU-410: STC 61, 6” slab with drop ceiling
      17. ASTM E492, Impact Insulation Class: IIC 55, 6” slab with drop ceiling
      18. ASTM E492, IIC with CSU-400: IIC 66, 6” slab with drop ceiling
      19. ASTM E492, IIC with FSU-410: IIC 67, 6” slab with drop ceiling
      20. ASTM E2179, Delta Impact Insulation: ΔIIC 12
      21. VaraCore Rigid Core Luxury Vinyl Planks do not require an on-site coating and strippers or the use of chemicals that may be hazardous to human health to maintain.
      22. VaraCore Rigid Core Luxury Vinyl Planks are compliant with CA Section 01350 (low-emitting (VOC) building products).
      23. VaraCore Rigid Core Luxury Vinyl Planks are free of materials known to be teratogenic, mutagenic or carcinogenic including halogens, asbestos and chlorines.
      24. VaraCore Rigid Core Luxury Vinyl Planks are 100% Recyclable.
      25. VaraCore Rigid Core Luxury Vinyl Planks are SCS FloorScore® Certified.
      26. VaraCore Rigid Core Luxury Vinyl Planks are manufactured in the U.S.A.
3. **INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE MATERIALS**
   1. **Moisture Mitigation:** Moisture testing is required for all VaraCore Rigid Core Luxury Plank Installation. Mitigation should be performed if results indicate high levels of moisture. Recommended Moisture Mitigation Product:
      1. Excelsior MM-100, Moisture Mitigation provided by Six Degrees Flooring.
         1. Unit Size: 2.5 Gallons
         2. Coverage: 1000 square feet per unit with one coat
         3. MM-100 is a water, solvent and VOC free, polyurethane-based moisture mitigation product used to treat concrete slabs with excessive moisture levels beyond what flooring adhesives allow.
         4. MM-100 can block moisture up to 20 lbs. MVER or 99% RH.
         5. MM-100 is a single component product, eliminating extensive mix times and concerns regarding pot life.
         6. MM-100 does not require aggressive concrete preparation, such as shot-blasting or diamond grinding.
         7. MM-100 is not recommended as a moisture mitigation system over a non-porous substrate. The substrate should be porous as per ASTM F3191 with 90% of the original substrate exposed.
         8. MM-100 is a two coat system that is incredibly easy to apply and does not require any specialized equipment, its excellent coverage rates also make it incredibly cost effective.
         9. Despite being a two coat system, MM-100 is incredibly fast drying.
         10. Flooring or subsequent coatings can be installed in less than two hours.
         11. Backed by a 10 year material and labor warranty, MM-100 is a fast and easy solution for the moisture issues that commonly plague flooring installations.
   2. **Substrate Preparation Products:** Substrates should be prepared to properly receive the resilient flooring products being specified. Trowelable leveling and patching compounds that are latex-modified, Portland cement based or blended hydraulic cement based formulation. Recommended Substrate Preparation Products:
      1. Excelsior NP-230, Non-Porous Substrate Primer provided by Six Degrees Flooring.
         1. Unit Size: 2.5 Gallons
         2. Coverage: 1000 Square Feet per unit with one coat
         3. Used over MM-100 to promote adhesion of cementitious materials
         4. Single component and fast drying to allow for quick and easy installation
         5. Contains an aggregate to provide mechanical bond for cementitious materials
      2. Excelsior CP-300, Cementitious Patch provided by Six Degrees Flooring.
         1. Unit Size: 10 lb. Pail
         2. Coverage: 33 Square Feet per unit @ 1/8”
         3. Doesn’t require primer over porous substrates
         4. Install flooring in as little as 30 minutes
      3. Excelsior SU-310, Self-Leveling Underlayment provided by Six Degrees Flooring.
         1. Unit Size: 50 lb. Bag
         2. 5500 PSI Compressive Strength after 28 days
         3. Install flooring within 12 hours
         4. Pumpable
   3. **Adhesives:** Adhesives should be selected based on the site conditions and use of the space being installed. Recommended Adhesive Products:
      1. Excelsior SP-500, Acrylic Aerosol Pressure Sensitive Spray Adhesive provided by Six Degrees Flooring.
         1. Unit Size: 22 Ounces
         2. Coverage: 100 Square Feet per 22 Ounce Can
         3. Standard installations over porous and non-porous substrates
         4. Excellent sheer strength
         5. Approved for Hill-Rom Beds
         6. Approved for Immediate Use
         7. Installation Limits
            1. 90% RH, ASTM F2170
            2. 8 lbs. MVER, ASTM F1869
      2. Excelsior AP-520, Acrylic Roll-On Pressure Sensitive Adhesive provided by Six Degrees Flooring.
         1. Unit Size: 2.5 Gallons
         2. Coverage: 1000 Square Feet per Unit
         3. Standard installations over porous and non-porous substrates
         4. Excellent sheer strength
         5. Approved for Hill-Rom Beds
         6. Approved for Immediate Use
         7. Installation Limits
            1. 80% RH, ASTM F2170
            2. 8 lbs. MVER, ASTM F1869
   4. **Maintenance Materials:** Six Degrees Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT) & Plank (LVP) is a low maintenance product that is protected by a durable UV-cured urethane finish that does not require a floor finish, commonly called a “wax”. Though this coating greatly improves the durability of the product, daily and routine maintenance must be performed to maintain the appearance of the product.Proper maintenance of the installation is critical to the long term performance of the flooring products being specified. Using the appropriate chemicals to maintain the product according to the environment in which it is specified is critical. Recommend maintenance products:
      1. Excelsior NC-900, All-Purpose Neutral pH cleaner provided by Six Degrees Flooring.
         1. For initial maintenance
         2. For daily and routine maintenance

**PART 3 – EXECUTION**

1. **GENERAL**
   1. General Contractor Responsibilities:
      1. Supply a safe, climate controlled building and subfloor as detailed in Six Degrees Flooring Technical Data Sheets.
      2. Ensure substrate meets the requirements of ASTM F710, Six Degrees Flooring Technical Data Sheets and Excelsior Technical Data Sheets.
      3. Provide a secure storage area that is maintained permanently or temporarily at normal operating temperature and humidity conditions between 65° F and 85° F and between 40% and 65% relative humidity, for at least 48-hours prior to and during the application of the flooring, so the flooring contractor can acclimate the flooring materials per manufacturer’s instructions.
      4. Provide an installation area that is weather tight and maintained either permanently or temporarily at ambient service temperature and humidity. Normal operating temperature and humidity conditions are between 65° F and 85° F and between 40% and 65% relative humidity, for at least 48-hours prior to and during the application of the flooring per the manufacturer’s instructions.
      5. Ensure areas with direct prolonged exposure to sunlight are protected with protective UVA/UVB restrictive coatings or films.
      6. Areas of the flooring that are subject to direct sunlight through doors or windows should have them covered using blinds, curtains, cardboard or similar for the time of the installation and 72-hours after the installation to allow the adhesive to cure. Note: These areas should be installed using wet adhesives only.
      7. Conduct initial maintenance prior to final usage per the Six Degrees Flooring Care & Maintenance Documents. Do not conduct initial maintenance until adhesive has cured per the adhesive technical data.
   2. Flooring Contractor Responsibilities:
      1. Provide trained installers that are professional, licensed, insured and familiar with the resilient flooring material to be installed.
      2. Ensure installers or installation teams meet one of the following requirements:
         1. Have completed INSTALL (International Standards & Training Alliance) or CFI (Certified Floorcovering Installers) training programs and/or are certified by INSTALL or CFI.

b. Are being supervised by Project Managers or Field Supervisors that are INSTALL (International Standards & Training Alliance) certified, CFI (Certified Floorcovering Installers) Certified and/or an FCICA (The Flooring Contractors Association) CIM (Certified Installation Manager).

* + 1. Follow all requirements in the appropriate Six Degrees Flooring and Excelsior Technical Data Sheets, Care & Maintenance Documents, Warranties and other technical documents or instructions.

1. **EXAMINATION**
   1. **General**: Follow guidelines laid out in Division 01, Section 01 71 00 – Examination and Preparation, as well as Section 01 43 00 – Quality Assurance.
   2. **Verification of Conditions:** Inspect all substrates to ensure they are clean, smooth, permanently dry, flat, and structurally sound. Confirm all areas are properly sealed and acclimated per manufacturer’s requirements.
   3. **Verification of Products:** In accordance with manufacturer’s installation requirements, visually inspect material for size, color or visual defects prior to installing. Any material that is incorrect or visually defective shall not be installed.
2. **SUBSTRATE PREPARATION**
   1. **General**: Follow guidelines laid out in Division 01, Section 01 71 00 – Examination and preparation. All work required ensuring substrate or subfloor meets manufacturers’ guidelines are the responsibility of the general contractor.
   2. **Preparation**: Ensure substrate meets the requirements of ASTM F710 for concrete substrates and ASTM F1482 for wood substrates and Six Degrees Flooring Technical Data Sheets and Excelsior Technical Data Sheets.
      1. Substrates must be free of visible water or moisture, dust, sealers, paint, sweeping compounds, curing compounds, residual adhesives and adhesive removers, concrete hardeners or densifiers, solvents, wax, oil, grease, asphalt, visible alkaline salts or excessive efflorescence, mold, mildew and any other extraneous coating, film, material or foreign matter.
      2. It is recommended that all substrates have a floor flatness of FF32 and/or flatness tolerance of 1/8” in 6’ or 3/16” in 10’.
      3. Acclimate all products to be used during the installation and the installation environment prior to installation according to the manufacturers written instructions.
   3. **Concrete Substrates:**
      1. **Moisture Testing:** Perform moisture testing per the manufacturer’s recommendations to determine conditions, it is recommended to treat new and existing slabs a little bit different to ensure adequate conditions exist for installation.
         1. New Slabs on all grade levels: it is recommended to perform ASTM F2170 Relative Humidity testing no more than a week prior to installation to determine the levels present and when to proceed with the installation.
         2. Existing Slabs on all grade levels: in addition to ASTM F2170 testing, existing slabs that have previously had floor covering installed, must be tested to ASTM F1869 Calcium Chloride test kits to determine the MVER of the concrete.
      2. Mechanically remove contamination on the substrate that may cause damage to the flooring material, this includes paint, permanent and non-permanent markers, pens, crayons, etc. Leaving these on the substrate or marking with them on the back of the material could cause bleed through and damage the flooring.
      3. Fill cracks, holes, depressions and irregularities in the substrate to prevent transferring through to the surface of the resilient flooring. Use a high-quality Portland cement based product such as Excelsior installation products provided by Six Degrees Flooring.
      4. Do not install material over expansion joints.
   4. **Wood Substrates:** wood substrates must have a minimum 18” (45.7 cm) of cross ventilated space beneath the joist.
      1. Wood substrates must be a minimum 1” thick with a double layer construction.
      2. Wood substrates must be rigid and free of movement.
      3. Wood substrates must not be OSB (Oriented Strand Board), particle board, chipboard, luan or composite type underlayments.
      4. Wood substrates that are Single Wood or Tongue & Groove subfloors must be covered with the appropriate APA approved underlayment plywood:
         1. Boards with a face width of 3” (7.62 cm) or less and is tongue-and-groove and with a smooth surface, use minimum 1/4” (6.4 mm) underlayment panels
         2. Boards with a face width greater than 3” (7.62 cm) or not tongue-and-groove, or with a rough surface, use minimum 1/2” (12.7 mm) underlayment panels
3. **INSTALLATION**
   1. **General**: Follow all relevant guidelines detailed in Division 01, as well as flooring and adhesive manufacturer’s technical data sheets.
   2. **Luxury Vinyl Plank Flooring:** Install material in accordance with manufacturer’s recommendations.
      1. Make sure all material is properly acclimated before installation begins.
      2. Make sure substrate is flat and smooth and if using a sound underlayment it should not be thicker than 2.5mm..
      3. Ensure material is rolled appropriately using a 100 lb. three section roller.
      4. Ensure all seams are not overly compressed and are fully locked without edging. Use of a hand roller may be necessary.
      5. Ensure all perimeter gaps are utilized and properly undercut door jambs to allow for expansion and contraction of material.
4. **CLEANING & MAINTENANCE**
   1. **General**: Clean up installation area and vacuum, dust or wipe material to remove any dirt, dust or debris.
   2. **Initial Maintenance**: Conduct initial maintenance per the manufacturer’s recommended procedures stated in the Maintenance Documents. All documentation is available upon request or from the Six Degrees Flooring website: [www.sixdegreesflooring.com](http://www.sixdegreesflooring.com). Excelsior Cleaning and Maintenance products are the recommended products for use; all can be found linked to the product on the Six Degrees Flooring website or at [www.excelsiorproducts.net](http://www.excelsiorproducts.net).
   3. **Regular Maintenance**: Conduct maintenance on regular intervals as needed. Insufficient cleaning will reduce the wear life of the flooring and alter the aesthetic properties of the tiles and planks. The amount of maintenance depends directly upon the amount of dirt and particulates the floor is subjected to.
5. **CLOSEOUT ACTIVITIES**
   1. **General**: Follow all federal, state and local requirements and Division 01 Section 01 76 00 – Protecting Installed Construction and Section 01 78 00 – Closeout Submittal requirements for these activities.
   2. **Protection**: Protect newly installed material with construction grade paper or protective boards, such as Masonite or Ram Board, to protect material from damage by other trades. Be sure all construction debris is swept up and removed prior to the protective material being installed and does not get trapped underneath. Limit usage and foot traffic according to the adhesive's requirements. When moving appliances or heavy furniture, protect surfaces from scuffing and tearing using temporary floor protection as well.

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