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Independent testing shows Bonagrip anti-slip treatment wipes floor with current acid-etching cleaners

CERAM, the highly-regarded, global expert in materials testing, analysis and consultancy, has concluded that Bonagrip, the leading edge anti-slip treatment from Bonasystems, generates a slip resistant surface with longer term durability than conventional acid-etching treatments – an old technology used in most other competitor products.

The study compared the effects of a typical acid-etching product to the water-based Bonagrip on ceramic tiles and, according to Dr Alan Brown, CERAM's Director of Development, the results demonstrated a marked difference in microtopography, directly linked to product performance characteristics including ease of cleaning. Dr Brown said:

“The microtopography created by the acid-etching product featured sharp needle-like pinnacles with deep valleys which we would expect to result in greater retention of contamination and water and will inevitably lead to greater difficulty in cleaning. The clear benefit from the Bonagrip product was that, post-treatment, the surface was more undulating and uniform which will produce a slip-resistant surface with longer term durability and cleanability.”

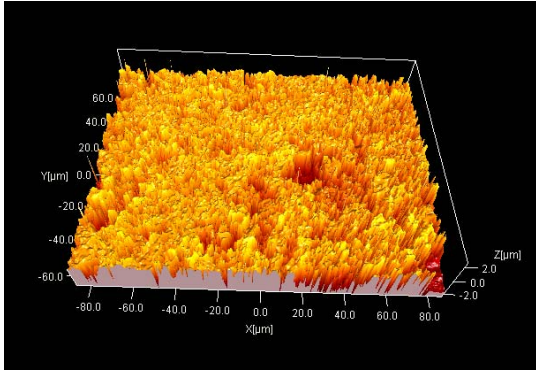


Figure 1. HF etching treatment - note the sharp pinnacles produced by acid etching

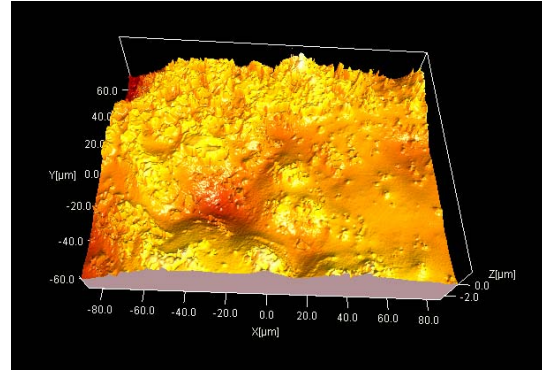


Figure 2. Bonagrip treatment produces a less pinnacled structure

Steven Phillips, Managing Director of Bonasystems was delighted by the results:

“It is great to have an independent body of the stature of CERAM highlighting the superior qualities of Bonagrip.”

“The study has shown that Bonagrip’s unique technology works differently to typical acid-etching type products. Bonagrip treated floors retain their anti-slip properties longer than competitive treatments and, after use, floors will also be easier to clean than those that have used other products.”

“I’d encourage anyone using anti-slip treatments to look at the tangible benefits of using Bonagrip, as acid-etching products are very much ‘old’ technology”.

Bonasystems has been established since 1990 and they are now widely recognised as experts in anti-slip technology, conforming to UK HSE and UKSRG standards and measuring methods. They also produce a complementary range of cleaning and maintenance products to ensure cleanliness, hygiene and safety are maintained.

Steven Phillips again:

“We have extensive experience in the wet leisure industry where slips around pools and changing rooms are a particular hazard, and Bonagrip is increasingly being used now in kitchens, hospitals, station platforms and care homes where

cleanliness and safety are paramount. We also provide a 'full service' support package including best practice training and monitoring."

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NOTES FOR EDITORS

- Founded in 1990, Bonasystems Limited is based in Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire to serve the wet leisure industry
- Its commercial cleaning, restoration and protection products and processes include:
 - BONACLEAN – specialist floor and wall cleaner for limescale and calcium removal
 - BONAGRIP – contract-applied non-slip chemical process for ceramic, porcelain and natural hard surface floors
 - BONAPRO 1, 2 & 3 – cleans and restores hard floors after deeply ingrained soiling
 - BONAMAIN+ – cleaner that also helps combat the transmission of infections
 - BONACLEAN GEL & BONAMAIN+ GEL – for textured rubber floor surfaces
 - BONADECOR – cleaner to remove oil, grease and scuff marks from most floors
 - BONASEAL – breathable sealant to protect natural and porous hard surfaces
- Products are Compliant with US, European and UK health and safety standards
- Approval by leading Spanish and Italian tile manufacturers
- Corporate member of the CSSA, Fitness Industry Association and CERAM
- Blue chip customers in seven European countries and Middle East with expansion planned into the US and other global markets

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