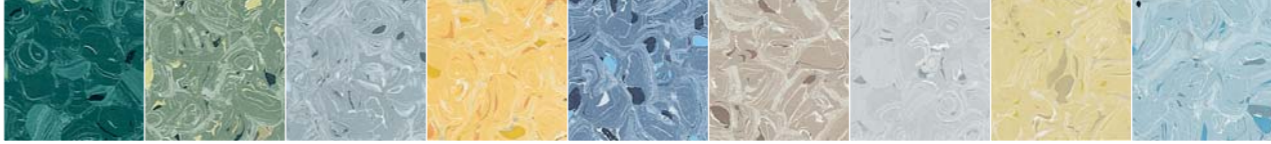


high traffic and noise control areas... reception... corridors... circulation areas...



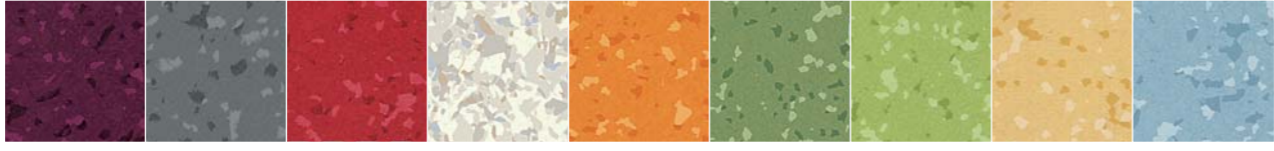
Mipolam Elegance 290 colour range



The entrance to an educational facility should not only set the tone of the learning experience offered and offer a warm welcome to students, staff and visitors, it also has to perform well against aggressive, often grit laden, heavy traffic. Barrier matting is essential but the flooring will still need to withstand some of the toughest, heavy traffic seen in the building. Flooring should be selected from those offering the highest level of durability and ease of maintenance. Corridors also need to cope with the rigours of thousands of feet passing across them everyday. Setting school rules for footwear can help but this may not be possible in community colleges and universities where members of the public pay to use the facilities. Again a resilient, easy to maintain floorcovering is essential.

- Impact noise can also be a problem in large open spaces and corridors where there is significant football and furniture movement. Libraries, music rooms and language laboratories also need careful consideration to prevent unnecessary noise transfer interfering with the learning experience. Indeed recent amendments to the School Premises Regulations and the rules guiding the Disability Discrimination Act insist the design of educational facilities should take into account the potential negative impact of excessive and intrusive noise transfer on learning outcomes.
- Key flooring selection criteria:**
- Robust, easy care flooring which can withstand heavy duty wear
 - Flooring which can be used for cut design work – e.g. logos and motifs – ideal for entrances
 - Colour and design contrast – for added interest and navigation
 - Flecked and patterned designs which help mask heavy traffic dirt and dust
 - Low maintenance costs
 - Long lasting good looks
 - Acoustic foam backings to reduce impact noise

language laboratories... music rooms... libraries...



Attraction colour range

Gerflor recommended solutions:

- Mipolam** – heavy duty, homogeneous sheet products are available with various surface treatments to reduce maintenance costs and improve lifecycle performance.
- Brazilia, Forum, Jamaica and Metallica** – high design, heavy duty, multilayered sheet products protected with ProtecSol® to eliminate the need for polish. Available with very high density foam backings to offer noise attenuation to 17db.
- Taralay Comfort Units, Memphis and Papyrus** – offering heavy traffic performance and excellent sound insulation performance of 18db. Also protected with ProtecSol® - the no polish solution.

- Attraction** – fast track loose lay tile solution – ideal for areas needing rapid installation or areas with poor subfloors. Available in 20 contemporary colour ways and protected with PUR surface treatment for low maintenance.
- Creation** – prestige, decorative tiles are available in a wide variety of realistic wood and mineral effects. Creation has a large range of coordinating borders for maximum impact. Creation is protected with a PUR surface treatment and offers superior performance to many of its natural equivalents.

