



FLOOR MATERIALS FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGE FACILITIES
(California Retail Food Code H&S §14268)

Floor materials used in food and beverage facilities must be of smooth, durable construction, easily cleanable and nonabsorbent material in areas of the following:

- where food is prepared, packaged, or stored
- utensil and equipment washing areas
- restrooms and hand washing areas
- service areas and wait stations where sinks or food/beverage equipment are located
- garbage and refuse storage areas
- janitorial facilities
- walk-in refrigerators and freezers
- self-service food and beverage area
- storage areas

Accepted floor materials

- **Commercial-grade sheet vinyl** (no felt backing) at least 0.080-inches thick, with heat-welded seams, may be suitable for some applications if also consistent with manufacturer's specifications. Where sheet vinyl is used as the floor material, a cove backing (cove stick) must be used at the wall/floor and toe kick/floor junctures. ie Altro Floors, Eco-Grip, Protect-All Flooring, Armstrong (Medintech), Tarkett
- **Quarry, ceramic, or porcelain tile** shall be impact resistant and have a minimum thickness of ¼ inches and maximum ¼ inch grout width. The tiles must continue up the wall with a minimum of 4 inches and include an integral 3/8 inch radius cove at the wall/floor junction.
- **Poured or troweled epoxy resin** shall have a minimum finish 3/16-inch thick. Epoxy flooring must be troweled-on with a uniform thickness of at least 1/8 inch. Epoxy paint and rolled-on epoxy commonly used on garage floors are not acceptable.
- **Approved sealed concrete for food storage rooms and walk-in units only.** Paint is not acceptable. Concrete surface must be smooth and free from pits, chips, or exposed aggregate; cove base must be either an integral coved concrete curb or a "keyed in" tile cove base.
- **Approved schluter system**

Unapproved floor materials

- **Rubber or vinyl topset cove base**

- **Concrete flooring.** (acceptable if concrete is sealed in locker rooms, employee change rooms, and in storage rooms where food or beverages are stored in original unopened packaging (no bulk food bins allowed).
- **Vinyl Composition Tiles (VCT) with rubber base.** May be installed in locker rooms and employee change rooms, and in storage rooms where food or beverages are stored in original unopened packaging (no bulk food bins allowed).
- **Slate, travertine tile, or other natural stone tiles.**
- **Wood**
- **Carpet**
- **Asphalt**

COVING: Floor surfaces shall be coved at the juncture of the floor and wall with a 3/8 inch minimum radius coving and shall extend up the wall at least 4 inches

SAMPLES OF APPROVED FLOOR INSTALLATIONS:

