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## **BS7976 -2 Pendulum Slip Test**



**Customer: FibreGrid**

**Test Number: FS10185**

**Operator: Glenn MacLaughlan**

**Date of Test: 1st March 2015**

**On Site: Sample sent to office**

**Pendulum Calibration Number: C2674**

**Pendulum serial number: SK1595**

**Slider Type : FourS 96**

**Contaminate Description: Water**

**Surface:Edge Grip Fine**



**Calibration Checks Done:**

lapping accepted 65+/-3	64	63	63	63	<b>62</b>
Glass accepted:7+/-3	9	8	8	8	<b>8</b>

**Theory**

A site assessment is an important component in determining the slip risk of any given floor. The HSE's pedestrian slip potential model highlights important environmental factors in a slip. Contaminating substances, frequency and methods of cleaning, types of footwear and likely pedestrian behaviour all affect the potential for a slip incident and are given due consideration.

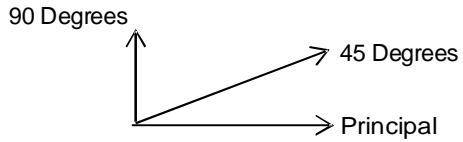
Research carried out by the Health and Safety Laboratory, in conjunction with the UK Slip Resistance Group (UKSRG), has shown that it is possible to assess the characteristics of floor surface materials needed for satisfactory slip resistance. The Health and Safety Laboratory has developed a "reliable and robust" test method that forms the basis of Floor Safes assessment procedure.

The pendulum skid test forms the basis of the coefficient of dynamic friction measurement of a floor. A calibrated 'foot' swings from a horizontal point of release, strikes the flooring surface for a known distance, then reads the "pendulum test value" on its over swing. The rubber slider that contacts the floor is constructed of '4S' rubber (Standard Simulated Shoe Sole) and is designed to replicate the most common slipping motion experienced by pedestrians wearing shoes. A softer, more malleable, rubber (TRL rubber) may be used to simulate a barefoot or casual shoe slip. Pendulum testing is one of the few methods that models the formation of a hydrodynamic squeeze film between the floor and shoe sole, a major factor in a wet slip.

Test surfaces are subject to eight measurements of the PTV with the first three being discounted from calculations of the mean.

A prepared standard rubber slider attached to a weighted 'shoe' is allowed to swing from a horizontal point of release. The slider is mounted on a spring loaded bracket and makes contact with the floor for a known distance. The height to which the shoe travels after contacting the floor gives a reading of the Pendulum Test Value (PTV, formally known as SRV Slip Resistance Value). The dynamic coefficient of friction of a test surface has a direct and measurable effect on the PTV reading obtained.

Condition of floors and traffic routes. 12. Every floor ... and the surface of every traffic route in a workplace shall be ... suitable for the purpose for which it is used [and] shall [not] be ... slippery so as ... to expose any person to a risk to his health or safety. EXTRACT FROM: Workplace (Health, Safety and Welfare) Regulations 1992.



**HSE Guidelines for pedestrian slip 96 Slider**

0 – 24 High Risk for Slip potential
25 – 35 Moderate Risk for Slip Potential
36+ Low Risk for slip potential.

<u>Test Swings</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Risk level of slip potential</u>
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<u>Dry</u>										
Dry Principal	69	68	68	67	67	67	67	67	67	Low
Dry 45 degree										
Dry 90 degree										

Note: This may not be a true reflection of the slip resistance due to the surface area able to test. The slip resistance is probably greater if there was more surface area.

<u>Wet</u>										
Wet principal	65	64	62	62	62	62	62	62	62	Low Risk
Wet 45 degrees										
Wet 90 Degrees										

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Glenn MacLaughlan is the Director of Floor Safe Ltd. The company was started in 2007 and over the last 7 years has provided pendulum slip testing for many major UK businesses. Clients : NHS - Lendlease - M.O.D - Nandos - The O2 - London Olympics - David Lloyd Leisure - British Gas and more.

The Pendulum Slip Value Readings were correct at the time of test. However this does not indicate the readings will remain the same this can be due to the installation, daily maintenance and the volume of foot falls.

If a sample has been sent for lab testing we highly recommend a re-test in situ.

Anti slip stone treatments applied by Floor Safe will rapidly diminish if not maintained as directed by Floor Safe Ltd on a daily basis.

Reported results in no way imply that the flooring under test is approved or endorsed by Floor Safe Ltd

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### *Calibration Certificate*

Manufacturer's Machine ID Number **SK1595**  
Item Tested **TRRL Type Skid Tester**  
Calibration Certificate Number **C2674**  
Customer Name **Floor Safe Ltd**  
Date Calibrated **28/10/2014**  
Expiry Date **27/10/2015**

We certify that this machine has been calibrated in accordance with BS EN 1097-8 : 2009, BS EN 13036:part 4:2003 and BS7976:Part 3:2002

The procedures used are contained in the company's Quality Manual, which has been accredited under ISO 9001:2000

Findings and adjustments are recorded in the Customer Report Form supplied with this Certificate.

The instrument should be re-calibrated within one year of the calibration date. (BS EN 1097-8:2009 Clause D.1.1 & BS7976 -3 2002 Clause 4 note 2 )

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