

Altro flooring – sixteen years at Norfolk College

Altro Walkway[™] 20

Altro Walkway[™] 20 safety flooring installed 16 years ago at East Norfolk Sixth Form, a top-performing college in the county, is still going strong and passed stringent slip tests.

Slip resistance was measured in a high-traffic corridor at the college using the 'pendulum test' method recommended by the HSE. After testing in both wet and dry conditions, the slip resistance of the Altro Walkway flooring after 16 years of use was confirmed as a pendulum test value (PTV), of 43.

Ideal for busy heavy-traffic areas, Altro Walkway is a hugely popular, hard-wearing, 2mm safety flooring, providing lifelong abrasion resistance.

Mike Hodds, maintenance technician at East Norfolk Sixth Form, said: "Altro Walkway was installed in the college corridors in 1999. With 1,800 students and 200 members of staff, you can imagine the level of foot traffic that the floor has seen over the course of 16 years. It's very impressive that a safety floor should last that long without any need for replacement or repair."

Mike continued: "The slip resistance tests proved that Altro Walkway can withstand the rigours of extreme usage over time.

This result is a combination of product quality and the care we have taken to maintain the floors well over the years."

The performance of Altro Walkway at the college has led to the product being selected again as part of an ongoing new-build programme - alongside two other Altro safety flooring products.

"We are so pleased with the performance of Altro Walkway 20 and Altro in general that we had no hesitation in specifying it again when it came to choosing flooring for corridors in the new buildings," said Mike Hodds. "Slip resistance and ease of maintenance were key factors in our decision, and Altro has proved unbeatable in these areas."

The latest flooring installation at the college was handled by Easifloor, which has been working with Altro for 30 years. Project Manager Ashley Milson said: "The College project went very smoothly and the client was happy with the results. Our relationship with Altro goes back a long way and the product quality and service we receive from them is always superb."

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