

Product Comparison



There may be other options available for commercial kitchen floors, but quarry tile remains the best choice for a variety of reasons.

There is a reason quarry tile is specified for more commercial kitchens than any other product. When comparing quarry tile to three other possible options - based on seven key criteria - none stand up to the performance, longevity, and value of quarry tile.

METROPOLITAN CERAMICS® QUARRY TILE

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| 1 | Relieved edges/tight die skin - resists chipping. | ✓ |
| 2 | Fired at temp. over 2,000 °F. - inert material. | ✓ |
| 3 | Dense - 1/2" thick body - very durable. | ✓ |
| 4 | Extruded - vitreous - resists freeze/thaw. | ✓ |
| 5 | Exceeds DCOF testing baseline - slip resisting. | ✓ |
| 6 | Projected life cycle of well over 50 years. | ✓ |
| 7 | Through the body color and hard surface. | ✓ |

Seven Key Criteria

1. Does not easily chip.
2. Does not contribute to mold/bacteria growth.
3. Resists breaking.
4. Suitable for hot and cold areas.
5. Slip resistance.
6. Long life cycle.
7. Resists wear and staining.

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| ✓ | COMMERCIAL KITCHEN READY |
| — | UNDERPERFORMED |
| ✗ | NOT SUITABLE FOR COMMERCIAL KITCHENS |

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| 1 | Subject to chipping and cracking. — | Subject to chipping and cracking. — | When impacted can chip easily. — |
| 2 | Seams between tiles can harbor bacteria. — | Chips and cracks can harbor bacteria. — | Poor sealing and expansion/contraction cracks can allow bacteria growth. ✗ |
| 3 | Subject to breaking. Will not stand up well to impact. — | Subject to breaking. Will not stand up well to impact. — | Does not easily break. ✓ |
| 4 | High heat will cause delamination of the tiles. ✗ | Product will melt when it comes in contact with hot grease. ✗ | Changes in temperature can contribute to cracks and deterioration. — |
| 5 | Smooth surface can become slippery when wet or greasy. ✗ | May become slippery when wet or greasy. Aggregate may help. — | Smooth finishes may easily become slippery. ✗ |
| 6 | Product will likely need replacing every few years. — | Chips and cracks will need repairing regularly and repair fumes are toxic. ✗ | Floor will need sealing regularly and over time will need to be replaced. — |
| 7 | Surface will wear showing stains and traffic patterns. — | Does not hold up well to commercial traffic. — | Can easily stain especially when sealer is compromised. — |



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