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# Foreword

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- new/revised methods of installation;
- new/revised application products; and
- health and safety and legislative issues.

This revision has been drafted, where possible, to align with the format of [BS 8203:2017](#) and also, where appropriate, uses the same wording so as not to cause any confusion or differences. This means that users who install both textile and resilient floor coverings can use both standards more easily.

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## 1 Scope

This British Standard gives recommendations for the installation of textile floor coverings in new or existing buildings. It covers the installation of all products composed of textile material with a pile or non-pile use surface and includes the laying of modular carpet, e.g. tiles and planks. It details suitable methods of design and installation and advises on the selection of the materials required for their implementation.

This British Standard does not include advice on cleaning and maintenance but does include guidance on the decisions made at the design stage which assist cleaning and maintenance and enable the installation to give satisfactory service.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes provisions of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies.<sup>1)</sup> For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

[BS 7953](#), *Entrance flooring systems – Selection, installation and maintenance*

[BS 8103-3](#), *Structural design of low-rise buildings – Part 3: Code of practice for timber floors and roofs for housing*

[BS 8204-1](#), *Screeds, bases and in situ floorings – Part 1: Concrete bases and cementitious levelling screeds to receive floorings – Code of practice*

[BS 8204-5](#), *Screeds, bases and in situ floorings – Part 5: Mastic asphalt underlays and wearing surfaces – Code of practice*

[BS 8204-7](#), *Screeds, bases and in-situ floorings – Part 7: Pumpable self-smoothing screeds – Code of practice*

[BS 8215](#), *Code of practice for design and installation of damp-proof courses in masonry construction*

[BS 8300-2](#), *Design of an accessible and inclusive built environment – Part 2: Buildings – Code of practice*

[BS 9999](#), *Fire safety in the design, management and use of buildings – Code of practice*

[BS EN 204:2016](#), *Classification of thermoplastic wood adhesives for non-structural applications*

BS EN 300, *Oriented Strand Boards (OSB) – Definitions, classification and specifications*

BS EN 312, *Particleboards – Specifications*

BS EN 313-2, *Plywood – Classification and terminology – Part 2: Terminology*

BS EN 314-2, *Plywood – Bonding quality – Part 2: Requirements*

[BS EN 350](#), *Durability of wood and wood-based products – Testing and classification of the durability to biological agents of wood and wood-based materials*

BS EN 622-2:2004, *Fibreboards – Specifications – Part 2: Requirements for hardboards*

BS EN 622-3:2004, *Fibreboards – Specifications – Part 3: Requirements for medium boards*

BS EN 622-5:2009, *Fibreboards – Specifications – Part 5: Requirements for dry process boards (MDF)*

BS EN 635-2:1995, *Plywood – Classification by surface appearance – Part 2: Hardwood*

BS EN 636, *Plywood – Specifications*

<sup>1)</sup> Documents that are referred to solely in an informative manner are listed in the Bibliography.