



Smoke Density

ASTM e662 < 450

Some of the major manufacturers are selling residential product which passes the smoke density test for residential but not commercial



Wear Layer

20 Mil(anything more is overkill)

12 Mil is acceptable for light use





Residual Indentation

ASTM F1914 < 8% of total thickness

There is a delicate balance between soft thick underlayment and indentation.



Dimensional Stability

ASTM F2199 < 0.020 in. per linear foot max

Sunny Window + LVT will buckle inferior LVT





Noise Transmission

IIC Rating: Minimum of 57 IIC in lab tests

IIC rating tests floor construction plus underlayment, plus material. In a lab with an 8" slab, 57 IIC is preferred, in a field test look for 53 IIC. Don't be confused by tests using dropped ceilings!



No Cork!

Go for an antimicrobial IXPE layer

Cork is naturally mold resistant, however trap water underneath LVT and you'll have a disaster.

Hot & Heavy, Prizefighter, and Molveno by Mohawk meet all these requirements

