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Glides

Recommendations for Which Type of Glide Should Be Used According to Different Types of Flooring

Compared to casters for chairs or furniture, there are no national or international standards concerning the basic requirements of glides, which would be a guideline for users as well as manufacturers. The recommendations in this bulletin have arisen from the experience of developing and producing glides over many decades.

To ensure proper use of each glide, the load capacity is fundamentally important and depends on the overall load capacity of the relevant piece of furniture. You will find the details in our catalog or our staff will inform you accordingly.

Another important feature to determine the proper type of glide is the kind of flooring on which the piece of furniture will be used.

All of our glides with hard nylon bottom are suitable on textile floorings (any kind of carpets and textile floor covers).

For hard surface floors such as laminate, floor tiles, ceramic, parquet flooring, linoleum floors, terrazzo etc. we recommend the use of glides with felt bottom. In our opinion, glides with nylon bottom are less suitable for these floors.

In any case, it is important to note that the type of glide needed also depends on the overall load of the piece of furniture as well as the pressure at each contact point to the floor. If our recommendations are followed, we do not expect any problems concerning the flooring. However the application of the glides is beyond our influence and therefore we cannot guarantee anything.

Verifying that the glide used is proper for the application is the responsibility of the user. We would also advise to consult with the flooring manufacturer on this.

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