



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



7 key criteria

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.

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.

+ = commercial kitchen ready
- = underperformed
X = not suitable for commercial kitchens

ALFAGRES quarry tile exceeds them all.

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

	VINYL TILE	POURED EPOXY	CONCRETE
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.	X 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	X High heat will cause delamination of the tiles.	X Product will melt when it comes in contact with hot grease.	- Changes in temperature can contribute to cracks and deterioration.
5	X Smooth surface can become slippery when wet or greasy.	- May become slippery when wet or greasy. Aggregate may help.	X Smooth finishes may easily become slippery.
6	- Product will likely need replacing every few years.	X 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.

