



Kennel Flooring

Meeting the New Missouri Regulations

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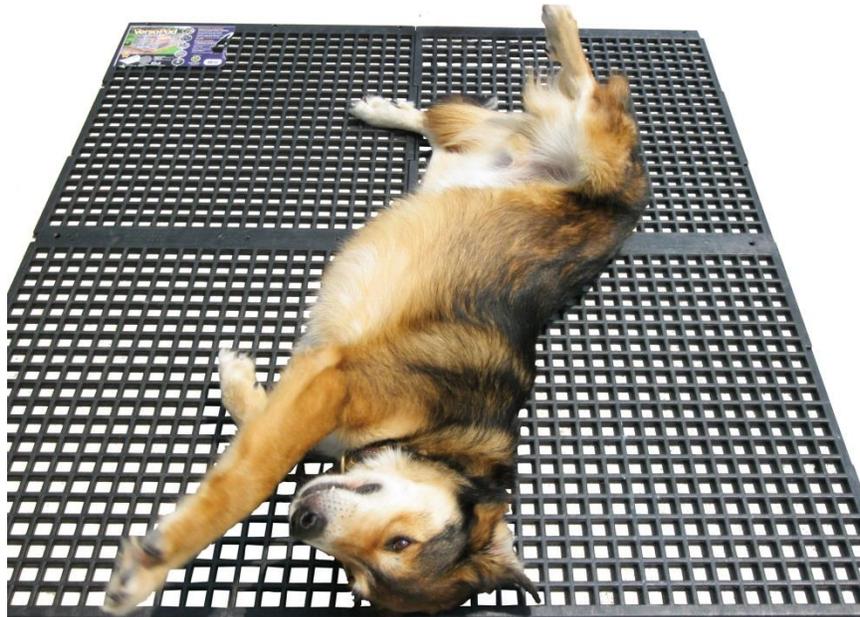
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Recently enhanced rules about kennel flooring will take effect January 1, 2016 in Missouri. The [rules](#), as published by the Department of Agriculture, are a bit hard to sift through. You may prefer to look at their jargon-free explanation on a webpage called [What I Need to Know](#). Or you can learn about it right here. If you are not in Missouri, be forewarned; officials in Missouri expect similar rules to be enacted in many other states soon.



Open wire cage floors can damage paws.

The main thrust of the new rule is to get pliable wire strand flooring out of our kennels. Pushed by the animal rights agenda, this regulation will give all of our animals a solid surface to stand on, without any little feet falling through the cage floor. It applies to all breeders of dogs in the state of Missouri that have 10 or more intact females in their kennel. It doesn't matter how or where you sell your puppies.



Proper flooring will still allow good drainage and easy clean up.

It's a very straightforward ruling, but the tricky part is getting the right flooring to replace any old wire strand cage bottoms you currently have. You can only use products that have been pre-approved by the Dept. of Agriculture. The complete list, directly from their website can be found at the end of this article.

If you find a great deal on some used flooring and you don't know if it will pass examination, you can send a photo of it, along with measurements, to the authorities and they will be happy to let you know if it qualifies. Likewise, if you find some new material for sale that isn't on their list, you can give them a look at it and get it approved by phone or email. That's why their list includes dimensions of the pre-approved products, providing you with a guideline for what will meet the rules. The phone number is (573) 751-3076.

It's important to note that this list describes the PRODUCTS that are pre-approved...but you can purchase them ANYWHERE you find them. No particular vendors are pre-approved.

Another major change as of January 1, 2016 in Missouri is the space requirement for each animal in a kennel with 10 or more intact females. To get a look at whether or not you are providing enough space, the Department of Agriculture has created this nifty [Space Calculator Tool](#).

@Approved Flooring Manufacturers and Specifications

Please Note: The flooring on this list does not automatically qualify as compliant. Any flooring used in any ACFA-licensed facility must be constructed of materials strong enough to prevent sagging and with openings that will not allow the animals' feet to pass through any openings in the floor.

Structural Plastic Flooring

Manufacturer/Distributor	Specifications
Double L Group, Ltd.	VersaPad Kennel Flooring, 24" X 48 5/8" X .5", 3/4" square openings
FarmTek	24" X 48", 7/8" square openings
Southwest Agri-Plastics, Inc.	Duraslat 7/8"
Southwest Agri-Plastics, Inc.	Duraslat 1.1"
Southwest Agri-Plastics, Inc.	Dura-Tuff 18" X 24" polymer slats, 7/16" slotted
Southwest Agri-Plastics, Inc.	Dura-Tuff 24" X 24" polymer slats, 7/16" slotted
Vencomatic North America	Vencoslat (T2), 45.3"X22.6" Polypropylene
Vittetoe, Inc.	Filter-Eeze Advantage Flooring 24" X 24" polymer slats, 7/16" slotted
Vittetoe, Inc.	Filter-Eeze Maxima Flooring 12" X 24" X 1" interlocking 3/8" slotted

Expanded Metal with Flexible Plastic Coated Flooring

Manufacturer/Distributor	Specifications
D & D Kennel Buildings & Supplies	3/4" #10 Flat
Hunte Kennel Systems	3/4" #10 Flat
Ridglan Animal Care Systems	CR2 14 Gauge, 9/16" Slotted, Flat
Ridglan Animal Care Systems	Comfort Rack 14 Ga., 9/16" X 1 1/2", Oval, Flat
Ridglan Animal Care Systems	Expanded Metal, 3/4" #9, Flat
Shor-Line	Shor-Line 21.375" X 27.750" Flooring Inserts, Flat, Round Hole 24" Kennel
Tandem Products Dek-Cellent™	3/8" X 5/8" Lemon Pattern Flattened
Tandem Products Dek-Cellent™	5/8" #13 Flat
Tandem Products Dek-Cellent™	3/4" #9 Flat
Tandem Products Dek-Cellent™	1 1/2" #6 Flat
Tandem Products Dek-Cellent™	3/4" coated square TF plastisol coated 5/8 HD LC

Pre-manufactured Slatted Flooring

Manufacturer/Distributor	Specifications
Kennel Deck Company	2' X 4' Prefabricated Plastic Panel 3 5/8" Slats with 3/8" Spacing