



Maiden voyage

New ferries launch Altro Transflor's new IMO-approved flooring

Altro Transflor's new IMO-approved flooring Gallium, has been installed in a fleet of new ferries for Hong Kong based New World First Ferries (NWFF). Thanks to its unique polyacrylate formulation, Gallium meets the stringent requirements of the Marine Equipment Directive (MED) under the regulation of International Marine Organisation (IMO).

These are the first installations of Gallium. Altro Transflor developed the product with NWFF who were looking for high performance flooring that combined good appearance with ease of maintenance, particularly as the ships are in operation for up to 20 hours per day. NWFF also wanted to specify a product that was waterproof, offered slip resistance and was quick to install.

NWFF had previously used Altro Transflor to refurbish existing vessels but when the company ordered three new fast ferries, the MED had been introduced and products used on-board needed to be IMO compliant. In less than 12 months, the first batch of Gallium flooring was approved and sent to Hong Kong for installation.

“The new Gallium flooring meets all our requirements for appearance, ease of maintenance, slip resistance and best life cycle costs,” said David Wong, assistant general manager of New World First Ferries. “I have been particularly impressed with Altro's commitment to research and development, co-ordinating product supply, installation assistance and excellent communication with us throughout.”

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