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## 15 NEW METHODS IN THE 2005 HANDBOOK FOR CERAMIC TILE INSTALLATION

Introduced at Coverings 2005, the Tile Council of North America's (TCNA) *2005 Handbook for Ceramic Tile Installation* includes more than 300 updates, 15 new methods and three new sections – each having been reviewed by the Handbook Committee of 32 industry experts. This industry guide is referenced in all commercial projects and is used by more than 100,000 tile professionals every year.

According to Eric Astrachan, Executive Director of the Tile Council of North America, “In addition to new methods, the Handbook Committee made a concerted effort this year to add more explanatory language and to make the book more consistent. Additionally, TCNA staff indexed the book by method number and by category, added clearer drawings, larger text, and reformatted the layout ... significant improvements, all making the book more complete and easier to use.”

Some of the changes introduced in the 2005 Handbook are as follows:

- A glass tile section
- A porcelain tile section
- A sound-rated floors section
- Methods using cementitious self-leveler
- Methods using poured gypsum
- Additional radiant heat systems
- New backerboard and plywood underlayments
- New crack-isolation methods

“For more than 40 years, the Handbook has had a vital role in clarifying and identifying ceramic tile installation methods. The discussion and review process used by the Handbook Committee creates the industry consensus that the TCNA Handbook represents,” remarked Sharon Jones, TCNA’s Director of Installation Standards and Research.

For more information regarding how you can order a copy of the 2005 Handbook, in print or on a CD, visit [www.tileusa.com](http://www.tileusa.com) or call the TCA Headquarters at 864-646-8453.

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