

**SECTION 09681**  
**SHEET CARPETING**

**PART 1 - GENERAL**

**1.1 DESCRIPTION OF WORK**

- A. Work Included: Provide labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the work of this Section, including but not limited to the following:
  - 1. Carpet for direct glue-down installation.
  - 2. Carpet accessories.
  - 3. Substrate preparation for carpet and accessories.
  
- B. Related Work: The following items are not included in this Section and will be performed under the designated Sections:
  - 1. Section 00850 – NATIONAL ACCOUNTS for pricing.
  - 2. Section 09650 - Resilient FLOORING for resilient wall base and accessories installed with carpet.

**1.2 SUBMITTALS**

- A. Product Data: For each type of product indicated. Include manufacturer's written data on physical characteristics, durability, and fade resistance. Include installation recommendations for each type of substrate required.
  - 1. Manufacturers' product data for carpet and installation adhesive including printed statement of VOC content.
  
- B. Shop Drawings: Show the following:
  - 1. Columns, doorways, enclosing walls or partitions, built-in cabinets, and locations where cutouts are required in carpet.
  - 2. Existing flooring materials to be removed.
  - 3. Existing flooring materials to remain.
  - 4. Carpet type, color, and dye lot.
  - 5. Seam locations, types, and methods.
  - 6. Type of subfloor.
  - 7. Type of installation.
  - 8. Pattern type, repeat size, location, direction, and starting point.
  - 9. Pile direction.

10. Type, color, and location of insets and borders.
  11. Type, color, and location of edge, transition, and other accessory strips.
  12. Transition details to other flooring materials.
- C. Samples: For each of the following products and for each color and texture required. Label each Sample with manufacturer's name, material description, color, pattern, and designation indicated on Drawings and in schedules.
1. Carpet: 12-inch- square Sample.
  2. Exposed Edge Stripping and Accessory: 12-inch-long Samples.
  3. Carpet Seam: 6-inch Sample.
- D. Product Schedule: Use same room and product designations indicated on Drawings and in schedules.
- E. Maintenance Data: For carpet to include in maintenance manuals specified in Division 01. Include the following:
1. Methods for maintaining carpet, including cleaning and stain-removal products and procedures and manufacturer's recommended maintenance schedule.
  2. Precautions for cleaning materials and methods that could be detrimental to carpet.

### 1.3 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- A. Installer Qualifications: An experienced installer who is certified by the Floor Covering Installation Board or who can demonstrate compliance with its certification program requirements.
- B. Fire-Test-Response Characteristics: Provide products with the critical radiant flux classification indicated in Part 2, as determined by testing identical products per ASTM E 648 by an independent testing and inspecting agency acceptable to authorities having jurisdiction.

### 1.4 DELIVERY, STORAGE, AND HANDLING

- A. General: Comply with CRI 104, Section 5, "Storage and Handling."

### 1.5 PROJECT CONDITIONS

- A. General: Comply with CRI 104, Section 6.1, "Site Conditions; Temperature and Humidity."

- B. Environmental Limitations: Do not install carpet until wet work in spaces is complete and dry, and ambient temperature and humidity conditions are maintained at the levels indicated for Project when occupied for its intended use.
- C. Do not install carpet over concrete slabs until slabs have cured and are sufficiently dry to bond with adhesive and concrete slabs have pH range recommended by carpet manufacturer.
- D. Where demountable partitions or other items are indicated for installation on top of carpet, install carpet before installing these items.

## 1.6 WARRANTY

- A. General Warranty: Special warranty specified in this Article shall not deprive the Owner of other rights the Owner may have under other provisions of the Contract Documents and shall be in addition to, and run concurrent with, other warranties made by Contractor under requirements of the Contract Documents.
- B. Special Carpet Warranty: Written warranty, signed by carpet manufacturer agreeing to replace carpet that does not comply with requirements or that fails within specified warranty period. Warranty does not include deterioration or failure of carpet due to unusual traffic, failure of substrate, vandalism, or abuse. Failures include, but are not limited to, more than 10 percent loss of face fiber, edge raveling, snags, runs, and delamination.
  - 1. Warranty Period: Ten years from date of Substantial Completion.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 CARPET

- A. Products: Certificate IV, by J & J Industries, Dalton, GA; tel. 800-241-4586.
  - 1. VOC Limits: Provide carpet that complies with the following limits for VOC content when tested according to ASTM D 5116:
    - a. Total VOCs: 0.5 mg/sq. m x h.
    - b. 4-PC (4-Phenylcyclohexene): 0.05 mg/sq. m x h.
    - c. Formaldehyde: 0.05 mg/sq. m x h.
    - d. Styrene: 0.4 mg/sq. m x h.

### 2.2 INSTALLATION ACCESSORIES

- A. Trowelable Leveling and Patching Compounds: Latex-modified, hydraulic-cement-based formulation provided by or recommended by the carpet manufacturer.

1. Ardex Feather Finish – Rapid Drying Smoothing and Patching Compound or approved equal.
- B. Adhesives: Water-resistant, mildew-resistant, nonstaining type to suit products and subfloor conditions indicated, that complies with flammability requirements for installed carpet and that is recommended by carpet manufacturer.
  1. VOC Limits: Provide adhesives that comply with the following limits for VOC content when tested according to ASTM D 5116:
    - a. Total VOCs: 10.00 mg/sq. m x h.
    - b. Formaldehyde: 0.05 mg/sq. m x h.
    - c. 2-Ethyl-1-Hexanol: 3.00 mg/sq. m x h.
  2. Commercialon Premium Carpet Adhesive by J & J Industries, Dalton, GA; tel. 800-241-4586
- C. Seaming Cement/Sealer: Hot-melt adhesive tape or similar product recommended by carpet manufacturer for taping seams and butting cut edges at backing to form secure seams and to prevent pile loss at seams and that is recommended by carpet manufacturer. This product is to be used in addition to Commercialon Premium Carpet Adhesive for concrete moisture vapor barrier emissions < 5 lbs per 1000 square feet/24 hour period:
  1. Commercialon Premium Carpet Seam Sealer by J & J Industries, Dalton, GA; tel. 800-241-4586
- D. Barrier Coat: For concrete moisture vapor barrier emissions between 6 and 10 lbs per 1000 square feet/24 hour period, apply the following product in addition to the carpet adhesive and seam sealer:
  1. Commercialon Premium Barrier Coat by J & J Industries, Dalton, GA; tel. 800-241-4586.

### **PART 3 - EXECUTION**

#### **3.1 EXAMINATION**

- A. Examine substrates, areas, and conditions for compliance with requirements for maximum moisture content, alkalinity range, installation tolerances, and other conditions affecting carpet performance. Verify that substrates and conditions are satisfactory for carpet installation and comply with requirements specified.
- B. Concrete Subfloors: Verify that concrete slabs comply with ASTM F 710 and the following:

1. Slab substrates are dry and free of curing compounds, sealers, hardeners, and other materials that may interfere with adhesive bond. Determine adhesion and dryness characteristics by performing bond and moisture tests recommended by the carpet manufacturer.
  2. Subfloors are free of cracks, ridges, depressions, scale, and foreign deposits.
- C. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

### 3.2 PREPARATION

- A. General: Comply with CRI 104, Section 6.2, "Site Conditions; Floor Preparation," and carpet manufacturer's written installation instructions for preparing substrates indicated to receive carpet installation.
- B. Use trowelable leveling and patching compounds, according to manufacturer's written instructions, to fill cracks, holes, and depressions in substrates.
- C. Broom and vacuum clean substrates to be covered immediately before installing carpet. After cleaning, examine substrates for moisture, alkaline salts, carbonation, or dust. Proceed with installation only after unsatisfactory conditions have been corrected.

### 3.3 INSTALLATION

- A. Direct-Glue-Down Installation: Comply with CRI 104, Section 8, "Direct Glue-Down Installation."
- B. Comply with carpet manufacturer's written recommendations for seam locations and direction of carpet; maintain uniformity of carpet direction and lay of pile. At doorways, center seams under the door in closed position.
- C. Do not bridge building expansion joints with carpet.
- D. Cut and fit carpet to butt tightly to vertical surfaces, permanent fixtures, and built-in furniture including cabinets, pipes, outlets, edgings, thresholds, and nosings. Bind or seal cut edges as recommended by carpet manufacturer.
- E. Extend carpet into toe spaces, door reveals, closets, open-bottomed obstructions, removable flanges, alcoves, and similar openings.
- F. Maintain reference markers, holes, and openings that are in place or marked for future cutting by repeating on finish flooring as marked on subfloor. Use nonpermanent, nonstaining marking device.
- G. Install pattern parallel to walls and borders.

3.4 CLEANING AND PROTECTION

- A. Perform the following operations immediately after installing carpet:
  - 1. Remove excess adhesive, seam sealer, and other surface blemishes using cleaner recommended by carpet manufacturer.
  - 2. Remove yarns that protrude from carpet surface.
  - 3. Vacuum carpet using commercial machine with face-beater element.
  
- B. Protect installed carpet to comply with CRI 104, Section 15, "Protection of Indoor Installations."
  
- C. Protect carpet against damage from construction operations and placement of equipment and fixtures during the remainder of construction period. Use protection methods indicated or recommended in writing by carpet manufacturer.

**END OF SECTION**