

Storage of Axminster Broadloom Rolls

If you are storing valuable merchandise, it is best to insure the merchandise and store it in a licensed bonded warehouse.

Store broadloom carpet and related materials in a climate-controlled, dry space. Protect carpet from soil, dust, moisture and other contaminants and store on a flat surface. Stacking heavy objects on top of carpet rolls or stacking more than three rolls deep is not acceptable.

Professional Carpet Storage facilities will pull each roll, monthly and turn the roll one quarter of a turn to the right. This is done to help prevent roll crush on the lower side of the roll. Roll crush will usually come out if not severe, with vigorous vacuuming and steaming.

Storage and Handling of Rugs

Both Hand Tufted and Axminster rugs are generally rolled up at the factory for transport to the destination. Most rugs are of small enough in size that they are rolled in heavy sheet vinyl or plastic wrap, taped, labeled and ready for shipment.

Some Hand Tufted rugs are made so large that handling by hand or forklift is not feasible for shipping. These are then crated (in wood) so they can be transported and delivered to the jobsite with standard forklifts.

Upon receipt of the rugs, they should be opened and inspected. The rugs are created to lay flat, either inset into a recessed floor or laid flat onto a hard surface. If they are not to be installed upon arrival it is recommended that they be unwrapped/unrolled and laid flat so they relax from being rolled up in transit. They should lay face to face / back to back so they will be able to breathe and lose the tendency to curl or roll. I would suggest no more than 10 rugs in a stack to help minimize pile crush. Keep these in a climatized area with low humidity and check them weekly.

Hand Tufted or Axminster Rug Installation

We will define Hand Tufted Rugs as a flooring product made by hand tufting pre-dyed yarn into a 'primary' backing (usually to create a desired pattern). These rugs are usually made with 100% wool face yarn and need to be installed and maintained PROFESSIONALLY. Check with us if you are uncertain about the type of rug or the face yarn fiber content of your rug.

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Owners often order duplicate rugs so they can alternate rugs while one is sent out for professional cleaning.

Woven Axminster rugs differ from Hand Tufted rugs. Axminster rugs are woven on a wide loom, usually 4m or 12 ft. wide. The rugs are cut to size from the broad width, or they may need to be seamed together to form rugs larger than the loom width. Ax Rugs may be cut to the prescribed shape and size.

These Axminster rugs may have a “sealed edge” with no binding necessary. Or they may be bound with a sewn-on tape binding or with serged (overlocking) with a specified yarn color.

Overlay rugs onto hard surface

Overlay rugs are made with ‘finished’ edges, not to be cut or trimmed. They may have been made with standard, non-slip or cotton backing. If the rugs have the non-slip backing, then they likely were to be installed without pad. Pad is not necessary but can add comfort.

If the rug will not have furniture on it, it may have tendency to move while in use. If made with standard or cotton backing, a “non-slip” rug pad can be used. A professional installer may know of a rug pad source. Please contact us if you are unable to find a suitable pad. The rug pad should be cut to fit about 2 to 3 inches from the edges of a Hand Tufted rug.

If the overlay rug is Woven Axminster, then the pad should stop about 4 inches from the edge of the rug. Then a Heavy-Duty double-face tape should be applied around the perimeter to lessen liability from tripping and to keep the rug in place.

Heavy furniture sitting on the rug may keep the rug in place and eliminate the need for the rug pad.

Inset rugs into a recess in hard surface

Inset rugs are made with unfinished edges and need to be trimmed to fit at installation. When these are trimmed, they should be well buttered and sealed at the edges to prevent face yarns from loosening and pulling away leaving voids.

As the term implies, these will need to be trimmed to fit into the recessed areas. Care should be taken to not cut them too short. And care should be taken to make sure they are ‘squared’ and centered properly in the opening.

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Most often a support strip will be required to help prevent the hard surface from chipping or breaking off edges into the recess. These strips should be applied when the surrounding hard surface is installed as the “L” shaped edge will fit under the hard surface. See www.schluter.com.

Inset rugs, Hand Tufted and Woven Axminster can be installed with different methods. They can be put in with no pad, with pad, with double pad, double stick with permanent adhesive or double stick with releasable adhesive. A PROFESSIONAL installer will know all of these methods, the correct adhesives, and the proper technique for a successful installation. They will also warrant their labor and technique should there be an issue. As a manufacturer we are not responsible for installation.

Inset rugs can also be installed without adhering them to the pad. If installed this way, the edges must be adequately treated for removal while being sent out for professional cleaning in rotation with a second rug.

Hand Tufted Wall to wall

When a room is to be filled with Hand Tufted product, it is often large enough that seams are necessary. Do NOT attempt installing these areas with anything but an EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL.

Hand Tufted can be seamed with properly treated seams, the use of proper heat tape can help secure the seams. Double Stick or Stretch in methods can be used. An experienced professional installer will know the proper type of adhesives, proper type of seam sealers, and proper technique for putting the product on the floor for a successful installation. Professionals should also warrant their work and the products they use.

Crossley Axminster Installation Guidelines (wall to wall) can be found on our website, www.crossleyax.com.