

CROSSLEY AXMINSTER

General 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 fork lifts.

The rugs are created to lay flat, either inset into a recessed floor or laid flat onto a hard surface. Upon receipt of the rugs, they should be opened and inspected. If they are not to be installed upon arrival it is recommended that they be unrolled and laid flat so they relax from being rolled up in transit. They should be laid 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.

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.

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

Hand Tufted or Woven Axminster rugs can be installed in three different scenarios:

- Overlay onto hard surface
- Inset into a recess in hard surface
- Wall to wall to fill a room

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Woven Axminster rugs are very different from Hand Tufted rugs. The Woven Axminster rugs are woven on a wide loom, usually 12' wide or 4m wide. The 'rugs' are cut to size from the broad width, or they are seamed together to form larger than the width of the loom. In some cases they can be cut to the desired shape requested.

These rugs can be edge bound with a tape binding sewn on or serged (overlocking) with a specified yarn color.

Overlay onto hard surface

Overlay rugs are made with 'finished' edges, not to be cut or trimmed.

If the rug will not have furniture on it, it may have a tendency to move while in use. A "non-skid" rug pad can be used. Usually your professional installer will know of a pad source. Please contact us if you are unable to find a suitable pad. This 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.

Sometimes heavy furniture sitting on the rug will keep the rug in place and eliminate the need for the rug pad.

Inset into a recess in hard surface

Inset rugs are made with 'unfinished' edges, then need to be trimmed 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 in the opening.

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.

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Inset rugs, both 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.

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. Further, they should also warrant their work and the products they use.

Woven Axminster wall to wall installation falls under the Crossley Axminster Installation Guidelines which can be found on the website, www.crossleyax.com.

If you are unable to find a professional installation company, please contact me, Ted Scheufler, 602-432-4978 (ted@crossleyax.com) and I'll try to find an experienced person for you.