



WARRANTY

ATLAS STYLES MANUFACTURED WITH XTI[®] NYLON AND THE ACTION BAC[®] SYSTEM

WEAR WARRANTY

Atlas Carpet Mills, Inc. warrants that carpets manufactured with XTI[®] nylon on the Action Bac[®] system will not lose more than 10% of their face fibers within ten years if the carpet is installed according to the installation guidelines shown below. This warranty does not cover tears, burns, pulls, cuts, or damage caused by the use of improper cleaning agents or methods. This warranty does not cover carpet installed on stairs. Atlas Carpet Mills, Inc., liability shall be limited to the repair, to be done at Atlas' discretion with Atlas technical personnel, or if Atlas determines necessary, to the replacement of any area in which the surface pile is worn more than 10%.

STATIC WARRANTY

Atlas Carpet Mills, Inc. warrants that carpets manufactured with XTI[®] nylon on the Action Bac[®] system will not generate static shock within ten years if the carpet is installed according to the installation guidelines shown below. This carpet will not generate static shock exceeding 3.5 kilovolts at a relative humidity of 20% or more in a room temperature of 70[°]F (Test AATCC 134). This level of static is sufficient to permit safe use with electronic office equipment such as personal computers. Atlas does not recommend, and this guarantee does not apply to, carpets for mainframe computer rooms. Atlas warrants that when properly installed and maintained, XTI[®] nylon carpets will not cause electronic equipment to malfunction because of induced static charges. Should a problem be caused by static related to carpet performance or the above stated level of carpet performance is not met, Atlas Carpet Mills, Inc. liability shall be limited to the actual replacement of any area in which there is static shock.

INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

The warranties shown above are dependent upon proper installation guidelines, which include the following: The carpet should be conditioned approximately 24 hours prior to installation. The floor must be properly prepped. For direct glue-down installations, the adhesive should be troweled to a maximum depth using a v-notched type trowel with minimum 1/8" x 1/8" x 1/16" spacing. The carpet must be rolled after installation with a 75-pound roller. All cut edges must be sealed by applying a 1/8" bead of seam sealing adhesive containing a UV enhancer at the base of the yarns to prevent tuft rows from loosening. Transition strips must be used where carpet abuts hard surfaces. Guidelines for patterned carpet and detailed installation instructions are available upon request.

MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will preserve the beauty and color of the original carpet. The warranty is not effective if the carpet is not maintained properly or if improper cleaning methods or chemicals are used. Atlas suggests preventive steps such as walk-off mats, grates, and removable elevator carpets. The single most important part of any carpet maintenance program is vacuuming, which should be done daily for moderate and heavily trafficked areas. Spills are inevitable, and quick removal using clean warm water or general purpose spotting detergent will remove many spills. Carpet should be professionally cleaned when soil is barely noticeable to eliminate soil bonding and to restore vacuuming efficiency. Over wetting the carpet, use of harsh cleaning processes and improper chemicals can cause permanent damage to the carpet.

EXCLUSIONS

This warranty does not include areas where seams are exposed to caster chairs not protected by chair pads. This warranty does not cover disfigurement or damage caused by abnormal consumer use, nor does it cover damage that does not arise out of a defect in the carpet. Shading, pile crush, dye lot differences or soiling are not manufacturing defects and are not covered by this warranty. Atlas Carpet Mills, Inc. shall not be liable to pay or reimburse for any costs, expenses or liability associated with furniture removal, equipment removal and installation, loss of productivity, disruption of business, or other incidental expenses.

GENERAL WARRANTY CONDITIONS

Chair pads are required to protect seams and deter accelerated wear in areas where caster chairs are used. This warranty does not extend to any other damages, direct, indirect, incidental or consequential, which may be claimed as a result of the necessity for carpet replacement. Except as set forth herein, Atlas makes no other warranties or fitness for a particular purpose of any other express or implied warranty. All warranties stated herein are subject to the following pro-rata schedule; seventy percent in year six, sixty percent in year seven, fifty percent in year eight, forty percent in year nine and thirty percent in year ten.

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