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All *Carpets* should be laid in accordance with AS/NZS 2455.1 "Textile floor coverings – Installation practice – General" and any other additional installation recommendations as prescribed by Signature Floors.

### Carpet Installers

Be adamant that trained professional installers are employed to ensure a quality installation of your *Carpet*.

### Initial Inspection

Before making any cut from a roll, ensure your installer examines the *Carpet* and checks for length, quality, pattern, colour and dye lot.

## CONVENTIONAL INSTALLATION METHOD

### Power Stretching

All *Carpets* should be power stretched in both length and width using the full mechanics of a power stretcher, not knee kickers. Bubbling, wrinkling and rucking may occur if *Carpet* is not adequately power stretched during installation resulting in premature wear.

### Seams

Seam adhesive must be used for all seams, widthwise and lengthwise in all installations. Use a seam sealer adhesive on direct stick/glue down applications. On conventional installations, use a latex base seam seal adhesive. If the seams are not permanently bonded together, the *Carpet* may unravel and begin to break down at the edges making it appear badly fitted and causing premature wear. Seams are not covered by manufacturer's warranties.

## DOUBLE BOND INSTALLATION METHOD

Double bond installation incorporates the use of adhesives at the interface of *Carpet* and cushion and cushion to the subfloor. Installers must ensure compliance with AS/NZS 2455.1 and specifications as set down by the nominated adhesive manufacture. It is strongly advised that hot melt silicone release seaming tape is used in joining the *Carpet*.

### Pile Direction

*Carpet* pile should run in the same direction throughout the house, tending towards the main entrance where possible. Seams and cross joins in the wrong place can spoil the appearance of your *Carpet* and lead to premature wear. Generally, seams should run in the same direction as most foot traffic. Seams should be avoided in high traffic areas and be kept as far away from windows as possible so light does not fall across the seam making it

more obvious. Ensure your *Carpet* retailer has advised you where they will place seams and cross joins.

### Stairs

On stairways, the pile should sweep down. A little hidden extra *Carpet* should be folded back at the top and bottom of stairs, so as the edges of the tread are worn down, the *Carpet* can be moved to hide the wear point. Purchasing extra *Carpet* for possible future renovation of the stairs is recommended.

### Carpet Cushion/Underlay

*Carpet* cushion and carpet are designed to work together as a complete flooring system. Generally, quality underlay will extend the life of your *Carpet*, while giving better resilience and comfort. Ask your retailer to match a quality *Carpet* underlay (compliant with the appropriate classification for the intended use/application as per AS 4288-2003 i.e. light and general residential, luxury, general and heavy commercial) with the quality and proposed use of your *Carpet*.

## WARRANTY

Further information is available in our *Carpet* Care Guide & Warranty document from your place of purchase and Signature Floors website [www.signaturefloors.com.au](http://www.signaturefloors.com.au)

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