

## INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR PATTERNED / GRAPHIC CARPET

BEFORE YOU PUT A KNIFE TO THIS MATERIAL, **STOP** AND CHECK THE FOLLOWING!

1. QUALITY - Is this what you ordered?
2. COLOR - Is this the right color?
3. PATTERN - Is the pattern correct?
4. SIZE - Is the size correct?
5. DYE LOTS - Are the dye lots correct?
6. LOOK FOR VISUAL DEFECTS

NO CLAIM WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ROLL CRUSH OF OLEFIN FABRICS AS THIS IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF THE FIBER.

ALL CARPET SHOULD BE ROLLED OUT AND STORED AT 70° OR MORE FOR A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO BEGINNING ANY INSTALLATION.

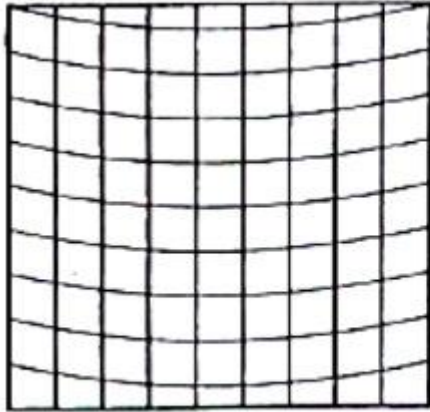
**IF MATERIAL HAS BEEN CUT, FITTED OR INSTALLED NO ADJUSTMENTS OR CLAIMS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE REASONS.**

**REMEMBER: If you don't have time to do it right, you surely don't have time to do it over!**

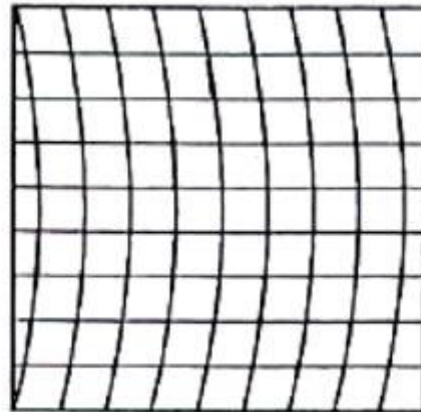
All pattern carpet is subject to certain industry tolerances. We feel our tolerances are more stringent than standard industry tolerances. Our tolerances are as follows:

NOTE: Stop installation and contact mill if the following tolerances have been exceeded.

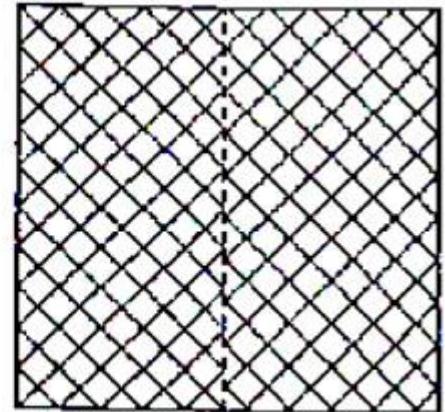
1. If bowing is greater than 1½ inch in a 12-foot width or 1½ inch in a 30 foot length.
2. If pattern elongation is more than an average of the following:
  - On patterns with repeats of less than 4", the tolerance is up to 2" per 12 feet.
  - On patterns with repeats of 4" to 8" the tolerance is up to 1 pattern in 30 feet



**#1 Bow Width**



**#2 Bow Length**



**#3 Pattern Elongation**

We have established our tolerance so that a match should be achievable by stretching the short side to meet the long side.

**WE DO NOT GUARANTEE PATTERN REPEAT MATCH**

**HOW TO: TRIM PATTERN**

On all graphic items, it is extremely fundamental to know that the pattern is actually tufted into the carpet, not printed on. Because of this tufted-in characteristic, the pattern and the rows must line up. You must cut the center row of a diamond pattern and follow that row, regardless of how far you travel that row will fall exactly the same place in the pattern every time it repeats.

Because of the tufted pattern characteristics, it is most helpful to use a blunt object (screwdriver, awl, etc.) to open up the row prior to using a row cutter to follow the row, thus cutting the pattern in exactly the same place each time. (\*If the pattern is not cut on the row, it will not match! Chalk line, straight edge, or freehand cuts are not recommended and will not achieve a match).

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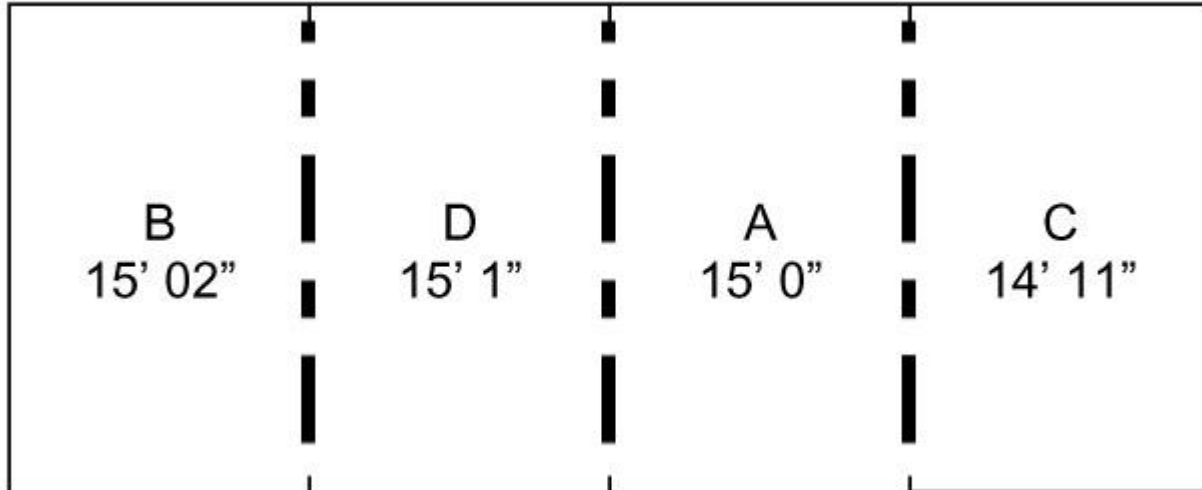
Once the patterned carpet has been trimmed in the proper fashion (always use the center of diamond patterns):

1. An easy way to determine which cuts will match best is to count off 30 patterns and compare the measurements to determine the sequence.

Example:	Drop:	A	30 patterns measure 15'0"
		B	30 patterns measure 15'2"
		C	30 patterns measure 14'11"
		D	30 patterns measure 15'1"

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The proper judgment in this example is to place the drops as follows to diminish the pattern elongation 15'02", 15'1", 15'0" and 14'11".



In this example, the elongation from least to greatest is 3' or 1.6%. Experience has shown that most carpets easily stretch 1.5% - 2% with a power stretcher. The deviation between Drop A and Drop C is only ½ of 1%.

3. Dry fit all pieces prior to beginning installation.
4. Cut 24 hours in advance if possible. This allows the carpet to relax.
5. If pattern is only slightly off, tightly rolling the short side drops face out leaving rolled for 24 hours can help.
6. Match all patterns in center of seam and work towards the ends.
7. If you are mixing dye lots, do not expect color or pattern to match.

## THE PROCEDURE

First, determine the short patterned and long patterned side. Since there is no dependable way to shrink a synthetic tufted carpet, we must use the opposite process, stretching. We are simply going to stretch the short pattern side out to meet the long pattern.

### IN GLUE DOWN INSTALLATIONS:

1. Glue long pattern drop in place approximately 4'-6' wide and full length using approved adhesive.
2. Starting from center of seam (and start with center panel if more than two panels are involved), glue as far toward each end as the pattern matches and 4'-6' wide on the short pattern drop.
3. Seal all seams with good quality seam sealer.
4. Place carpet in adhesive making seam only as far as match will allow.
5. Roll with lino roller and allow setting 15-30 minutes. Stay tacking may also be helpful.
6. Roll the side with short pattern up from ends toward center until you come back to the glued areas.
7. Glue 8'-10' length by 4'-6' width (or as much as you feel comfortable with).
8. Unroll carpet into adhesive. As long as adhesive is wet, it is slippery, not tacky (this will aid in step 9).
9. Using power stretcher (not kicker), stretch pattern into register and stay-tack (a two head power stretcher works great, one on each end).
10. Repeat steps 6-9 until seam is complete. Leave stay nails in place until glue sets.
11. Use this procedure on each of the other seams.
12. The best way to determine pattern match is to stand back and sight down the diagonals formed by the pattern.

\*\* Remember, we can only stretch the short side (not shrink the long side). Lay out all work so that this can be accomplished. Never glue the short side first. Use of the power stretcher is basic to the installation of all carpet made with ActionBac®. A knee kicker can not obtain

and hold the necessary amounts of stretch. Failure to use a power stretcher is the major cause of having to re-stretch.

**IN STRETCH INSTALLATIONS:**

1. Loose lay all drops in place in proper sequence (see # 1 – Correction for Pattern Elongation Procedure). Allow to relax for 24 hours if possible.
2. Trim and prepare seams per instructions.
3. Once long and short side is determined, use a two head power stretcher (one head on each end) on short side to match pattern.
4. As always, begin pattern matching in center of the drop. This divides the pattern elongation and makes for less work.
5. Run hot melt seam, making minor adjustments with knee kicker. Run short lengths of seam if necessary. Allow to cool and readjust as needed.
6. The best way to determine pattern match is to stand back and sight down diagonals formed by pattern.

\*\* Be patient, be persistent, and be professional.