

# CARPET INSTALLATION



The process of installing new carpet is one of the most important factors in assuring that the chosen carpet looks good in the facility and wears well. CRI advises specifiers to use the services of an installation contractor who will install the carpet in accordance with *Standard for Installation of Commercial Carpet, CRI-104*. Companies authorized to display CRI's Seal of Approval and/or certified by the Floor Covering Installation Board (FCIB) have pledged in writing to adhere to these standards. Using products that display the CRI Indoor Air Quality Testing Program label (low-emitting adhesives, moldings, base materials, cushions, etc.) and following proper installation procedures are also necessary to ensure good indoor air quality.

The installation must be properly planned, estimated and coordinated. The plan must include accurate measurements, show seam placement, and detail areas requiring special considerations, such as unusual room shapes, closets, borders, etc.

A. Specifiers will:

1. Provide drawings with approved location of seams, edge moldings, carpet direction and accessories (adhesives, cushion, etc.).

B. The general contractor will:

1. Provide an appropriate surface upon which to install carpets, including confirmation of concrete moisture and alkali conditions, cleanliness, surface quality and floor levelness.
2. Provide for appropriate room temperatures 48 hours prior to installation (65° to 95°F) and for appropriate temperatures and ventilation during and 48 to 72 hours after installation.

C. The installation contractor will:

1. Use qualified labor and specified tools and accessories.
2. Provide accuracy of measurement.
3. Coordinate with the general contractor all applicable details, including the installation date, delivery, storage, security, and insurance.

Regardless of the installation method, it is the specifier's responsibility to ensure proper transitions where the carpet edge meets other flooring surfaces.