

# *SUQIAN HALEX*

## **Tack Strip Installation Guide**

A tack strip is used to keep carpet stretched, in place, and free of wrinkles. It can be nailed to wood subfloors or concrete floors. Before installing or handling a tack strip, always put on safety glasses.

To install a tack strip properly, follow the steps below:

1. Position tack strip around the perimeter of the room, making sure that the pins are pointing towards the wall.
2. Make sure to follow the exact contours of the walls, cutting the tack strip to the proper lengths.
3. Do not place tack strip in doorways where the carpet is not cut. Avoid installing tack strip to join two carpets at an inside doorway or across door openings.
4. Make sure to leave a space (or gully) between the edge of the tack strip and the wall, which is slightly less than the thickness of the carpet; do not exceed 3/8". This is where the carpet tucks after securing it to the tack strip.
5. Hammer in the preinstalled nails to the subfloor. A minimum of two (2) nails should be used to secure each section of tack strip to the floor.

**Note:** Tack strip may be glued to certain types of flooring (when nails are not an option), such as over Saltillo tile or flooring with radiant heat floors or drainage systems. Tack strip nails cannot be driven into conduit or tubing.