Beaulieu® of America The Home Depot OmniLoc™ Modular Carpet Tile Warranty, Care & Maintenance Brochure

Specification

The functional benefits and performance characteristics of a carpet will depend greatly on proper specification. Properly specifying carpet is important to those who purchase, sell, install, and use carpet. Proper commercial carpet specification includes considerations for fiber type and carpet construction, tufted texture, backing type, method of dyeing, color or shade, and installation specification to meet a site's daily traffic load requirements. Properly specified carpet contributes to the decorative qualities and comfort of a commercial facility, and is the beginning of a successful, long-lasting installation. Beaulieu's exceptional line of commercial carpets, provide the outstanding wear, and abrasion resistance, cleanability, and other performance features designed to meet the rugged demands required of commercial carpet.

Another significant consideration regarding commercial carpet specification is to ensure the carpet can be easily maintained. By following a properly planned and effective cleaning schedule, you will significantly help protect carpet fibers against damage caused by abrasive soiling, which will extend its life, and allow it to continue to promote and enhance your professional work environment. This brochure is designed to help you understand the warranties that apply to your Beaulieu® OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile sold by The Home Depot, to help your facilities manager design a preventative maintenance plan, and to develop an effective carpet cleaning and maintenance program. To comply with your warranty obligations, all commercial carpet care and maintenance products and cleaning equipment must be certified by the CRI Seal of Approval (SOA) Program (www.carpet-rug.org) and be performed by a certified professional carpet cleaner. Listed here are spot cleaners, traffic lane cleaners, in-tank detergents and extractors demonstrated to meet the very stringent carpet cleaning capabilities set forth in this program. The CRI Green Label (GL) program lists recommended vacuum cleaners that have also demonstrated a similarly high level of carpet cleaning efficacy while releasing the least amount of dusts during vacuuming.

Preventative Maintenance

Preventative maintenance provides a more cost effective means to maintain your commercial carpet investment. A properly thought-out carpet care and maintenance program begins with preventative maintenance. Preventative maintenance in commercial facilities typically includes the use of frequently cleaned or replaced walk-off mats placed in strategic exterior building entry ways and transition areas. Included with good ground-keeping practices in key exterior areas, walk off mats will reduce the amount of soil tracked onto your carpet. Similar protective mats should be placed around food stations, public restrooms and water coolers, and in front of elevators and stair thresholds. In addition to this, preventative maintenance requires compliance with a routine vacuuming program that will vary in frequency, based on recognized soiling patterns. The use of chair mats is required under chairs equipped with casters to prevent damage caused by grinding dry abrasive soil into the carpet. Preventative maintenance can include the use of portable hot water extractors, pile lifting and fast drying liquid encapsulates.

Vacuuming

Routine vacuuming will remove as much as 90% of dry soils which if not removed, will accelerate fiber wear, dull the carpet, and shorten its useful lifecycle. For commercial carpet needs, the use of a two-motor upright vacuum model equipped with a rotary brush is recommended. A proper and effective vacuuming program is the most essential consideration of a well-designed commercial carpet maintenance program. Listed below are examples of the expected vacuuming frequencies required, based on daily commercial traffic load needs and facility applications. In general, it is recommended to vacuum back and forth and side to side, using a minimum of four passes in each direction. To keep a vacuum operating most efficiently, empty canisters, and dispose of bags before they reach full capacity.

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Vacuuming Frequencies

Because the vast majority of soils are tracked-on, vacuuming frequencies should be determined by using a copy of the facility floor plan and the chart below to identify the type of traffic each area is subjected to on a daily basis. Traffic types can be broken down into Light, Medium, and Heavy Traffic categories which are based on the number of times a person walks on a specific concentrated area. The examples listed below provide a recommended vacuuming frequency for each area based on their typical traffic type.

Area	Traffic Type	Vacuuming Frequency
Entries	Heavy	Daily
Lobbies	Heavy	Daily
Corridors	Heavy	Daily
Cafeterias	Heavy	Daily
General Offices	Medium	3 Times per Week
Classrooms	Medium	3 Times per Week
Interior Hallways	Medium	3 Times per Week
Private Offices	Light	Weekly
Boardrooms	Light	Weekly
Conference Rooms	Light	Weekly

Spot Cleaning

Spots and spills are inevitable. When they occur, it is imperative to identify what was spilled, and immediately spot clean properly to prevent staining. Proper spot cleaning will help allow a carpet to resist staining, and soiling that spots and spills can attract. Proper spot cleaning will also make deep restorative cleaning easier and less expensive to do.

PLEASE NOTE: Spot cleaning should be performed on a daily basis using water or the recommended spot cleaners listed here.

How to Spot Clean

To help protect against staining, blot up spots and spills immediately. Always spot clean initially using only water. If necessary, then use the recommended spot cleaners listed here by applying them to a clean, white terry cloth towel, and then blotting from the outside of the spot or stains toward its center. Never scrub or abrasively rub when spot cleaning. If solid matter is present, start by gently scraping-up solid material, and then vacuum to remove loose matter. Spot clean wet spills by dry blotting first, using a clean, and dry white terry cloth towel. Spot clean oily-based substances by first softening any solid matter by using isopropyl alcohol. Proceed using a dry volatile solvent or citrus solvent spot cleaner. Never apply solvents or any other spot cleaner directly to your carpet. Blot clean until the stain is removed, or until it ceases to transfer onto the towel. Some spots and spills require repeat spot cleaning, and/or the use of the next recommended spot cleaner. The use of a weighted, folded dry terry cloth towel placed over spot cleaned areas will facilitate the removal of residues that can cause spots to reoccur. Check towels every 30 minutes, and replace as needed. Leave a weighted clean towel down overnight. If after following these spot cleaning procedures a stain reappears, moisten the stain using water only, thoroughly dry blot, and repeat the use of weighted terry cloth towels. Some stains require the use of professional spot cleaning. This is your responsibility.

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STAIN REMOVAL GUIDE

Listed below are the most common types of stains, and recommended spot cleaners and steps required to properly care for our carpet. Stains are not covered by your warranty.

Dampen a white terry cloth towel and then blot clean using these spot cleaners.

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Cleaning Methods

Step 1 – Detergent and water - Mix ½ teaspoon of dish detergent (with no bleach or lanolin) with two (2) cups lukewarm water. Follow spot cleaning by blotting with clear water using a white terry cloth towel.

Step 2 - Warm Water Rinse - Dampen a white terry cloth towel with luke warm water and blot affected area.

Step 3 – Dry Cleaning Solvent or Citrus Solvent – Solvents can be found in your local hardware store or supermarket. (Nail polish remover with Acetone can be substituted when spot cleaning small stains).

Step 4 - Isopropyl Alcohol

Step 5 – 3% Hydrogen Peroxide - Follow by blotting with clear water using a white terry cloth towel. DO NOT attempt to clean acne medication, cosmetics, or hand cream stains using hydrogen peroxide.

Step 6 - Vinegar and water - Mix 1 cup of white vinegar with 2 cups of water. Follow spot cleaning by blotting with clear water using a white terry cloth towel.

Step 7 – Ammonia and water - Mix 2 tablespoons of household ammonia with 1 cup water. Follow spot cleaning by blotting with clear water using a white terry cloth towel.

Step 8 - Nail Polish Remover with Acetone

Step 9- Vacuum

Interim Maintenance

An interim maintenance program should be included in your commercial carpet's cleaning and maintenance program. Interim cleaning is designed to reduce the soil-removal burden during hot-water extraction cleaning cycles, make your daily scheduled maintenance easier to perform, and to help your carpet retain a fresher, cleaner appearance. Proper interim cleaning is fast and effective, and provides a safe way to help retain a high appearance level with your commercial carpet. Interim cleaning can include the use of a commercial pile lifter (dual counter rotating brushes) to remove deeply embedded soils, or a fast-drying liquid encapsulate. Unlike hot water extraction, interim cleaning does not require significant training to do or expensive equipment and can be performed by in-house maintenance personnel. As in vacuuming, the frequency of interim cleaning needs will vary based on traffic and soiling conditions. The use of the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) Seal of Approval (SOA) approved products and equipment is required.

Restorative Deep Cleaning Requirements

Although the frequency of restorative deep cleaning needs also vary, you must have your carpet cleaned professionally using the hot-water extraction method by a certified professional carpet cleaner following the IICRC Standard Reference Guide for Professional Cleaning and using the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) Seal of Approval (SOA) products and equipment every twelve (12) months to maintain your warranty rights. Due to higher concentration of traffic, areas such as, but not limited to lobbies, corridors, elevators, and food service locations will require more frequent cleaning. Carpet is easier to maintain, and more successfully cleaned when cleaned before becoming discolored by soiling. Hot-water extraction cleaning removes deeply embedded dry soils that can damage carpet fibers and be a deterrent to the long-term appearance and performance of a carpet. All chemicals used must have a pH level of less than nine. Before cleaning, a carpet must be thoroughly vacuumed. Heavily soiled carpet may require the use of a pile lifter and/or a traffic lane pre-spray prior to hot-water extraction. If the carpet was manufactured with a stain resistance treatment, Beaulieu recommends the re-application of Scotchgard™ Protector or similar treatment where applicable by a certified professional carpet cleaner after each professional hot water extraction. The use of fans, air-blowers, dehumidifiers, and air conditioners will help reduce drying times, which generally do not exceed six to eight hours. The use of a Bonnet or any carpet cleaning equipment or method other than professional hotwater extraction cleaning for restorative cleaning of your Beaulieu® commercial carpet is prohibited and will void these warranties. The use of portable extraction equipment that continuously recycles the cleaning solution can cause accelerated re-soiling. The use of this type cleaning equipment is not recommended. For questions or more information, Technical Services can be contacted at 800-944-2840 or tek.services@beaulieugroup.com.

OmniLoc™ Modular Carpet Tiles must only be extracted using a maximum 100 psi and the temperature at the wand should not exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit. Exceeding these limits may disrupt adhesive bond on perimeter of the tiles.

PLEASE NOTE: The use of a Spin Bonnet, the use of detergents containing optical brighteners, and the use of silicone-based soil protection treatments is prohibited, and will void your warranties.

Installation Requirements

Proper specification for OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tiles sold by The Home Depot includes following the OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile Installation Instructions and compliance with the installation guidelines set forth in the CRI Carpet Installation Standard, and also includes the use of Bolyu® Pressure Sensitive adhesive as well as proper installation sundries. Proper installation helps assure that OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tiles will perform

at an optimum level. Improper installation voids these warranties. For additional information pertaining to the installation of OmniLoc™ Modular Carpet Tiles sold by The Home Depot contact our Technical Services Department at 800-944-2840, or tek.services@beaulieugroup.com.

Beaulieu® Limited Warranties

The specific limited warranties for your carpet are listed on The Home Depot web-site, which includes the duration of each such warranty. Review these limited warranties prior to purchase to be certain the carpet you selected is suitable for your intended use, and the warranties it provides meet your warranty needs and expectations. Your warranties begin on the date of proper installation, and are extended to the original purchaser. **Original sales receipts for the purchase of the carpet must also be retained.** You are required to keep four (4) uninstalled carpet tiles to enable us to review a warranty claim, use protective floor mats under chairs equipped with roller caster wheels, and follow the care and maintenance guidelines outlined elsewhere in this brochure. This brochure contains details of all the limited warranty features of Beaulieu® OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tiles.

For more warranty information and requirements to maintain these warranties please refer to sections Care & Maintenance, Installation Requirements, Warranty Exclusions, In the Event of a Claim, Consequential and Incidental Damages, Implied Warranties and General Terms and Conditions found elsewhere in the brochure. For information on how to file a claim see the section "In the Event of a Claim".

OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile 10 Year Limited Wear Warranty

Beaulieu warrants when properly installed your OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile will not wear more than 10% of its surface pile weight from abrasive wear for the lifetime* of the carpet. Abrasive wear is fiber loss from the carpet through normal abrasion, not crushing or flattening of the carpet pile in any area due to abnormal usage of carpet. To qualify for this warranty, which begins on the date of proper installation, your OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile must be installed in strict compliance with our OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile Installation Instructions, using Bolyu® Pressure Sensitive Adhesive. These warranties are pro-rated and are not transferable.

OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile Limited Lifetime* No Delamination Warranty

Your OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile backing has been engineered using a sophisticated process that ensures that it has superior laminate strength, and is capable of the high performance requirements of the most demanding commercial environments. Beaulieu warrants that when properly installed, your OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile will not experience delamination of the backing during the duration of your OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile's lifetime*. To qualify for this warranty, which begins on the date of proper installation, your OmniLoc Modular Tile must be installed in strict compliance with OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile Installation Instructions, using Bolyu® Pressure Sensitive Adhesive. Delamination caused by improper installation, improper site conditions, by negligence or abuse, improper handling, or for any other reason other than normal foot traffic, is specifically excluded from this warranty. These warranties are pro-rated and are not transferable.

OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile Limited Lifetime* Dimensional Stability Warranty

Your unique OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile backing is engineered to be 50% stronger than conventional carpet tile backings, which enables it to exhibit excellent dimensional stability properties. Beaulieu warrants that when properly installed, your OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile will not shrink or elongate as a result of it displaying improper dimensional stability characteristics. To qualify for this warranty, which begins on the date of proper installation, your OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile must be installed in strict compliance with our OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile Installation Instructions, using Bolyu® Pressure Sensitive Adhesive. Loss of dimensional stability caused by improper site conditioning, improper installation, or any other reasons other than normal foot traffic causing a loss of dimensional stability in the length and width directions of your OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile measuring more than .027% using the Aachen test method (ISO 2551 test method), is excluded from this warranty. These warranties are pro-rated and are not transferable.

OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile Manufacturing Defects Warranty

Your OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile is manufactured using state-of-the-art technologies, and the highest quality control standards to ensure its construction is superior, that it is of the highest quality, and it will be long-lasting. Beaulieu warrants that when properly installed, and properly maintained, your OmniLoc Modular carpet tile will be free of defects in its quality and workmanship for two (2) years. This warranty is voided if your Carpet Tile is subjected to any type condition or use other than ordinary foot traffic, and any type of damage, including improper handling, negligence, and abuse. To qualify for this warranty, which begins on the date of proper installation, your OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile must be installed in strict compliance with OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile Installation Instructions, using Bolyu® Pressure Sensitive Adhesive. These warranties are pro-rated and are not transferable.

Bolyu® Pressure Sensitive Limited Adhesive Warranty

The OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile backing and Bolyu® Pressure Sensitive Modular Carpet Tile adhesive were developed as a system and when used as such per installation recommendations, Bolyu® Pressure Sensitive Modular Carpet Tile Adhesive carries the same limited warranty as the OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile backings. When using Bolyu® Pressure Sensitive Modular Carpet Tile Adhesive for the installation of products other than the OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile commercial brands, the warranty is limited to only replacement or refund for any adhesive proven defective when authorized in writing by the above commercial brands. We assume no liability beyond the purchase price of this adhesive for damages of any kind and the user accepts this product "as is" and without warranties, expressed or implied. The suitability of this product for an intended use other than the installation of the OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile brand backings shall be solely up to the user.

For more warranty information refer to sections Care & Maintenance, Installation Requirements, Warranty Exclusions, In the Event of a Claim, Consequential and Incidental Damages, Implied Warranties and General Terms and Conditions found elsewhere in the brochure.

PLEASE NOTE: All Limited Lifetime Warranties are defined as the length of time the OmniLoc Modular Carpet Tile remains installed in the original location, and is owned by the original purchaser. These warranties are pro-rated, and are not transferable.

Warranty Exclusions

Excluded in these warranties is modular carpet tile that has been improperly specified, installed on boats, docks, roof tops, carpet used for any type athletic playing surfaces, including courts, greens, or for any type recreational activity, carpet installed outdoors, carpet installed in recreational vehicles, motor homes, time-share dwellings, bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms, and on stairs, damage resulting from improper installation, improper maintenance, including the use of improper cleaning agents and methods, damage caused by pets, abnormal use or abuse, smoke, fire, water intrusion, by athletic equipment, or by chairs equipped with roller casters, and the installation of carpet used for any reason other than for normal foot traffic. Additional exclusions include carpet tile that has been cut, altered, or installed of the wrong style, color, or width, or carpet with visible defects, carpet sold as seconds, less than first quality, or "As Is", claims for minor differences in carpet weight, color and texture between existing modular carpet tile that might be replaced, and previously uninstalled modular carpet tile from the same production, differences between the dealer's sample and the finished modular carpet tile when compared to the manufacturing standard, claims for tears, cuts, snags, ravels, pulls, burns, pilling, shedding, crushing, matting, soiling, odor, yellowing in areas where asphalt sealer is tracked on to the carpet, staining, residual stains or wicking that may occur after cleaning, products containing benzoyl peroxide and bleach, or for shading, pooling, watermarking, and for carpet used as rugs, mats, and runners. Unless otherwise specified by Beaulieu, cost associated with on-site preparation, restoration, carpet installation, inconveniences, removal, extra handling and disposal of existing modular carpet tile, required sundries, extra handling, and the removal and reinstallation of fixtures and furnishings are also excluded. Failure to properly maintain your carpet as outlined in this

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In the Event of a Claim

Claims must be submitted to Beaulieu® in writing by The Home Depot within a reasonable time after discovery of a defect. A Beaulieu® claim form must be used, and it must identify Beaulieu's® invoice number, date, carpet style, color, roll number, yardage, a description of the installation sundries, of the alleged defect, and of the exact location of the installed carpet. If your claim pertains to a maintenance concern, a copy of your professional hot water extraction carpet cleaning receipts must be submitted to Beaulieu®.

Beaulieu® reserves the right to inspect and/or test your carpet in the event of a claim. If we determine your claim is valid, we will choose at our sole discretion to either pay to repair or replace the defective carpet (only) with the same carpet, or with as close as possible comparable carpet in our product line, which will be based on what we determine comparable carpet to be. We are not required to replace non-defective carpet in other rooms, or to replace defective carpet with carpet of the same dye lot as the existing carpet. Disposal of existing carpet is the responsibility of the consumer, unless Beaulieu requires it to be returned to the mill. Claims requiring replacement carpet or credit refunds are subject to the usage charges based on the original date, and the aggregate sum paid to Beaulieu, and will be reduced by an amount equal to the usage charge as calculated in the usage guide located in this brochure.

If Beaulieu, at its sole discretion, determines your carpet has defects that cannot be reasonably repaired; a credit will be issued to The Home Depot equal to the original purchase price of the carpet in the affected room(s) only, which must be used towards the purchase of Beaulieu® carpet for replacement. In no case will this credit exceed the aggregate sum paid to Beaulieu. Costs associated with labor, including but not limited to installation, on-site preparation, removal and disposal of existing carpet, installation sundries, and for moving, storing, and reinstalling furniture and floor fixtures are specifically excluded.

If you are unable to contact The Home Depot, or do not receive a response from them please write Beaulieu at:

Beaulieu Residential Claims Dept. P.O. Box 1248 Dalton GA 30722-1248

CONSEQUENTIAL AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES

BEAULIEU HEREBY EXCLUDES ANY AND ALL CONSEQUENTIAL AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES UNDER OUR LIMITED WARRANTIES, INCLUDED, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ANY TYPE LOSSES, EXPENSES, INCLUDING LOST PROFITS AND PUNITIVE DAMAGES, OR DAMAGES OTHER THAN TO THE CARPET ITSELF THAT MAY ARISE OR RESULT DIRECTLY, OR INDIRECTLY, FROM THE CARPET.

IMPLIED WARRANTIES

NO IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE EXTEND BEYOND THE SPECIFIC LIMITED WARRANTY FOR A PARTICULAR WARRANTY PROVIDED. Implied warranties refer to warranties the law presumes are those provided by the seller, even though they are not set forth in writing.

PLEASE NOTE: Some states do not allow limitations on the duration of implied warranties, or the exclusion or limitation of incidental and consequential damages. These limited warranties provide you with specific legal rights which may exist or vary from state to state. Except for these rights, the remedies provided under our limited warranties state and set forth the limit of Beaulieu's obligations.

General Terms and Conditions of Your Beaulieu of America Limited Warranties

There are no express or implied warranties that extend to sales outside the United States and Canada. The liability of Beaulieu under our limited warranties shall not exceed the cost of repair or replacement of the affected carpet area extending to the nearest wall, doorway, or entrance. We reserve the right to inspect and test the carpet, as well as the right to attempt to correct any defect prior to the carpet being removed replaced, or offering a settlement. If we determine replacement carpet is necessary, and the identical carpet is not available, we will, at our sole discretion, provide a carpet of comparable quality, color, and value, or refund a percentage of the original purchase price reduced in amount based on our usage charge, as calculated in the Usage Guide located in this brochure, and the amount of carpet we have authorized to be credited. We are not required to provide replacement carpet with a matching dye lot to non-affected carpet in other areas. In no case shall credit exceed the aggregate sum paid to Beaulieu for the affected carpet in the form of a credit that will be good only toward the purchase of Beaulieu® carpet. There will be no cash payments. We are not responsible for incidental or consequential damages. Some states do not permit the exclusion or limitation of consequential damages, so these exclusions or limitations may not apply to you. These limited warranties give you specific legal rights. And you may also have rights which vary from state to state. All Beaulieu® carpets are intended for use as floor covering only, and are not warranted or recommended for any other purpose. For more information please contact Technical Services at 800-944-2840 or tek.services@beaulieugroup.com.

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Replacement in Years	10 Year Warranty
1	0
2	90%
3	80%
4	70%
5	60%
6	50%
7	40%
8	30%
9	20%
10	10%

Lifetime Limited Usage Guide

100 % of the original invoice cost for claims submitted within five (5) years.

50 % of the original invoice cost for claims submitted between years six (6) and ten (10).

25 % of the original invoice cost for claims submitted between years eleven (11) and fifteen (15).

10 % of the original invoice cost for claims submitted anytime after fifteen (15) years.

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Consumers Record
Of Purchase & Installation Information

Store Location	
Store Education	
Address	
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City	State	Zip
Phone		
Carpet Style Name		
Color Name		
Date Installed		
Amount Purchased		
Cost Plus Labor (Excluding Pad)		
Area of Installation		
Type of Warranties Listed on The Home Depot web-site for the Carpet You Purchas	ed:	
Wear:		
Stain:		
Texture:		
Soil:		
Fade:		
Other:		

PLEASE NOTE: This form is for your records. Please fill out and keep a copy of it along with copies of your original sales receipt and cleaning receipts in the event of a claim.