

TACKLESS STRIP – INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Floor Prep:

1. Sweep floor clean of debris.
2. Position strips, end to end, around the perimeter of the room to be carpeted. Cut strips to fit into corners and around door jambs. Do not cut strips on a bevel. Always cut straight and butt ends of cut strips together. Do not use carpet strip across open doorways. Install an appropriate doorway molding.
3. Be sure that all strips are positioned with pins pointing upward and toward the wall.
4. Each cut piece of strip should have at least two anchoring nails.

Strip Installation:

1. Wear safety glasses to avoid eye injury. Nails may become dislodged or shatter on impact.
2. Nail strips to floor using pre-started anchoring nails. Leave ¼” gap between strip and wall all the way around the perimeter of the room to be carpeted.
3. If anchoring nails bend or concrete floor chips away, strips should be installed using contact cement (see “Strip Installation using Contact Cement”).
4. Install doorway molding according to manufacturer’s instructions.

Strip Installation using Contact Cement:

1. Follow contact cement manufacturer’s instructions and warnings for best results.
2. Place strip on floor around the perimeter of the room to be carpeted.
3. Lift each piece of strip from the floor. Using a 1” wide brush, apply cement to the backs of the strip and to the area of the floor where it will be returned.
4. Lay strip adhesive side up and allow strip and floor to dry.
5. Return strip to original position on floor.
6. Place a small wooden block between rows of nails and tap with hammer to firmly secure strip to floor.

Carpet Pad Installation:

1. Carpet pad should be installed according to the pad manufacturer’s instructions for best results.
2. Cut pad so that the edges are within ½” of carpet strip throughout the room to be carpeted.
3. Some pad manufacturers recommend pieces of pad be seamed together with duct tape or taped directly to the floor using double-sided tape to prevent movement. Follow the pad manufacturers instructions for best results.

Carpet Installation:

1. Position carpet over pad and strip.

2. Leave 1 to 2 inches of excess carpet up each wall and into any doorways.
3. Using the blade of a large flathead screwdriver and starting at a wall away from a door, press the carpet firmly onto tackless strip so that the small pins penetrate the carpet backing. Continue this procedure for the entire wall.
4. While crawling on carpet, smooth and stretch carpet to remove wrinkles.
5. Use screwdriver to rub carpet onto strip on opposing wall. Do the same for the remaining walls, being sure to smooth and stretch out all wrinkles as you go.
6. Start at any corner. Trim carpet with utility knife held at a 45° angle. Trim carpet a little long and tuck excess in gap between strip and wall as you go. Complete all walls.
7. Finish doorway molding according to manufacturer's instructions.