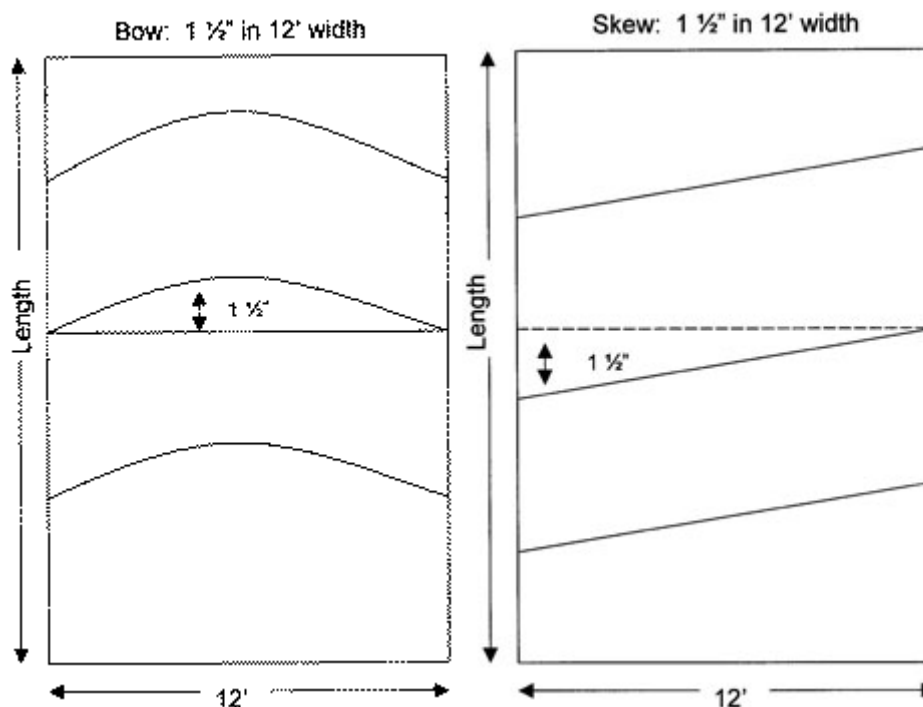


## Bow and Skew/Pattern Run-Off

Bow and skew, as illustrated below, is created when the pattern is distorted across the width of the carpet. This distortion could resemble a bow: in other words, the pattern in the middle of the carpet is ahead or behind the sides. Another form of distortion could be a skew, or the pattern on one side of the carpet is ahead the pattern on the opposite side. This phenomenon typically occurs in products with a definite pattern line running diagonally or across the width of the carpet. Likewise, certain pattern and color combinations increase the potential for bow and skew.

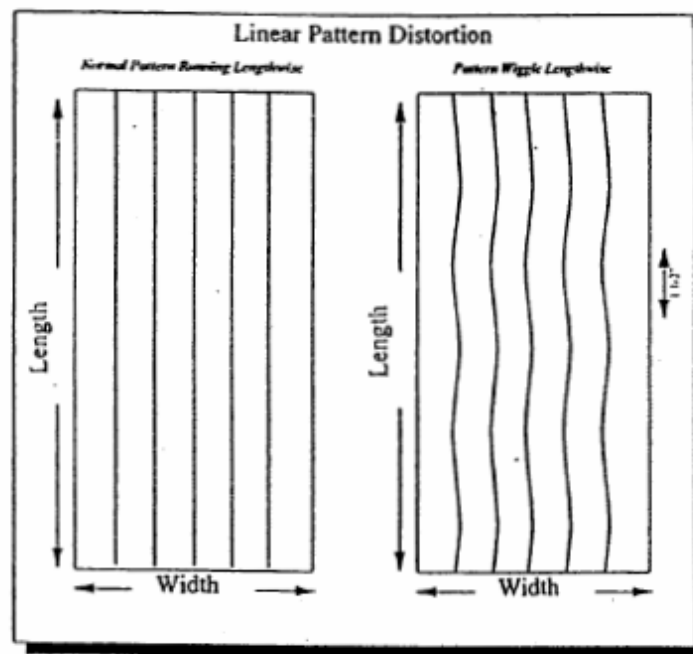


Although pattern distortion can happen throughout the manufacturing cycle, it mostly occurs during the finishing, or backing process. Tolerances for bow and skew are established for each product. The normal tolerance is one and one-half inches in twelve foot length of the carpet. Pattern run-off tolerances are one and one-half inches within fifteen feet of length. Even with these tight tolerances, seams may be visible and, if installed in a room in which the walls are not square, the carpet pattern may appear to run off rather than run parallel with the wall or to the adjacent seam. Installers who are experienced in working with patterned carpet products may be able to improve the product's seamability. In order to maximize seamability, additional installation time will be necessary.

The performance capabilities of this product will not be affected by seamability or pattern run-off. Indeed, this product is constructed for performance in commercial areas and covered by all Shaw Industries standard warranties (copies available upon request).

## Linear Pattern Distortion

Linear pattern distortion, as illustrated below, is created when the pattern is contorted down the length of the carpet. This distortion could resemble a wiggle: in other words, the pattern may appear to move back and forth down the length of the carpet. This phenomenon typically occurs in products with a definite pattern line running down the length of the carpet. Likewise, certain pattern and color combinations increase the potential for linear pattern distortion.



Although pattern distortion can happen throughout the manufacturing cycle, it mostly occurs during the finishing, or backing, process. Tolerances for linear distortion are established for each product. The normal tolerance is one and one-half inches in twelve foot length of the carpet. If installed in a room in which the walls are not square, the carpet pattern may appear to run off rather than run parallel with the wall or to the adjacent seam. Installers who are experienced in working with patterned carpet products may be able to improve the product's seamability. In order to maximize seamability, additional installation time will be necessary.

The performance capabilities of this product will not be affected by linear pattern distortion or pattern run off. Indeed, this product is constructed for performance in commercial areas and covered by all of Shaw Industries standard warranties (copies available upon request).