

Cold Weather Bulletin for Direct Glue Down Carpets

As winter approaches caution should be exercised in the installation of both direct glue and stretch-in carpets. Here are a few helpful hints on proper care for carpet and adhesives during the winter months. If these precautions are not taken the carpet will become stiff and hard to handle. Seaming will suffer due to cold conditions.

- The area where the carpet is to be installed must be preheated to a minimum of 68° for at least 48 hours prior to installation with a relative humidity no greater than 65 %.
- The temperature should be maintained at the same level during installation and for at least 48 hours after the installation is completed.
- Carpet and adhesive must be stored at minimum temperature of 68° for 48 hours prior to installation. Always observe the warnings against freezing of adhesives.
- Weather conditions greatly affect the set-up or open time of the adhesives. If the floor temperature is colder than 55° the adhesive may dry without developing adequate bonding strength.
- In stretch-in applications it should be noted that optimum stretch-in may not be achieved and may be subject to restretching.