



Fitting tips woven carpet

1 Balta recommends to only have carpets fitted by a professional. The usual professional rules and relevant standards should be applied.

2 The subfloor should be dry, smooth, clean, sound, without tears and dust. It should be shock resistant in conformity with standard VOB DIN18365. The floor should also be leveled with a filler at least 24 hours before the fitting.

3 Balta recommends a 24 hour acclimatization of the carpet in the room where it will be fitted. The floor temperature should be maintained at 15° C before, during and at least 72 hours after the fitting. The ambient moisture level should not exceed 75% and the recommended room temperature should be at least 18° C.

4 Open the packaging with care. Ensure that the carpet is not damaged with sharp tools when unpacking. Check the carpet before fitting for possible defects.

5 Fitting instructions for the installation of multiple strips.

The following points should be observed for a correct fitting:

- Due to manufacturing procedures, there is a top piece and bottom piece (male/female)
- As these are very slightly different, 'top pieces' should never be fitted with 'bottom piece' (and vice versa!)

- The products can be recognized as follows:

Top piece: uneven roll number

Bottom piece: even roll number

- As for any other fitting, only carpets from the same dye lot should be fitted together. The dye lot is printed on each roll label.
- Adjoining carpet strips should always be fitted in the same direction. (The direction of the strips can be recognized on the production print on the back of the carpet: the text of the print should be in the same direction!)

6 Balta recommends to fully adhere the carpet using quality adhesives.

7 Intensive research allowed the adhesive industry to offer low emission and solvent free (EC1) products. The glueing of the full carpet therefore fulfills our strict health standards.

8 Check with your local adhesive supplier for the most up-to-date information about the recommended glue types. The processing directives of the adhesive manufacturer must always be respected.

The ventilation period depends on the quantity of the applied adhesive, the room and floor temperature. For floors with normal absorption the carpet can be fitted after a ventilation period of 5 - 10 minutes.

For less absorbing floors you should wait a bit longer.

9 For the fitting of a seam you should proceed as follows:

- Both strips should be cut separately in advance (do not lay them on each other and cut through both at the same time!)
- The cutting should be done from the top with a sharp knife. For a perfect seam the knife should be held slightly tilted.
- Always cut between the white threads. A top seam should always be avoided.
- For a nice seam and to avoid fraying, both edges should be treated with a cold sealer adhesive (e.g. Roberts 8015-A Solvent Free Universal Carpet Seam Sealer or similar), before the strips are fitted.

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10 A freshly fitted and glued carpet can have that typical 'new' smell. This smell disappears after a few days of ventilation and heating.

11 Traditional installation on grippers and underlay is also possible and will give you a better walking comfort and guarantees a longer lifetime of the carpet. This must be done in conformity with the directives of standard BS 5325. The seams should then be fixed with a strong hot melt tape. The use of short pin grippers is recommended.

We advise a neoprene adhesive or an installation on grippers for carpets on stairs.

12 Loose fitting, even in small rooms, is not recommended, and therefore is carried out at your own risk. We recommend the use of a protective sheet for office chairs.