

Executive Summary

Back Printing Task Group

Team of manufacturer representatives sponsored by the Carpet & Rug Institute to consider a specific challenge related to post-consumer recycling of broadloom carpet and carpet tile.

Challenge

Post-consumer recyclers of broadloom carpet and carpet tile need a simple way to identify the face fiber content. Technology currently in use is expensive and temperamental.

Solution

Manufacturers of broadloom carpet and carpet tile will participate in voluntary program through Carpet & Rug Institute. Additional information will be printed on the backing of broadloom carpet and carpet tile.

1. Broadloom carpet – Fiber type/blend code
2. Carpet tile – Fiber type/blend code & backing system code

Phases

Back Printing Task Group propose two phases to help with cost justification and implementation.

1. Broadloom Carpet – Projected implementation date on 12/13/2016
2. Carpet Tile – Projected implementation date of 6/30/2017.

Requirements

Back Printing Task Group worked with C.A.R.E. representation to identify proper fiber type/blend coding and desired frequency. Also worked to identify proper backing system coding and desired frequency.

Recommendation

Back Printing Task Group recommends that “Back Printing Guidelines” be considered minimum requirements for all manufacturers participating in this voluntary program.