

## **CRI TECHNICAL BULLETIN**

## **Roll Crush**

Roll crush usually appears across the width of the carpet as areas of the pile

yarn that have flattened due to the weight of the roll. Areas of crush may appear darker or lighter and usually are identified as widthwise bands. Roll crush is not considered a manufacturing defect. Most roll crush occurs as a result of stacking a large number of rolls on top of one another. Roll crush also may occur during shipping where rolls are loaded several rolls high.

Roll crush sometimes can be alleviated in carpet using steam or hot water extraction cleaning. Often it can be removed using a spray bottle and misting the area with water. Let it stand for five minutes and agitate with pile lifter or by vacuuming. Most rolls of carpet will exhibit some degree of roll crush immediately after the roll has been unwrapped. In most cases, minor roll crush will disappear after the yarn has been allowed sufficient time to recover.



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