



**Carpet and Rug Institute Technical Advice**  
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Notice to Laboratories and Interested Parties: Revised Standard ASTM D5252-11

Effective January 1, 2012

ASTM D5252 was revised in the fall 2011. The revision was issued too late to make the 2011 standards book but is available as a download. NVLAP typically gives labs up to one year to implement a revision to a standard.

The standard has been heavily revised to allow for a commercial hexapod (the traditional size) and a residential hexapod (lighter). It also has more specific specs on the hexapods. The new Annex A (mandatory) discusses verification and maintenance of the hexapods and tumblers. NVLAP assessors will assess all labs to the 2011 specification starting in 2013 at renewal assessments. If your lab is being assessed this year and you would like to be assessed to the 2011 revision, please tell the assessor.

Please feel free to contact me for information on obtaining the latest version of this standard.

Sincerely,

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