



SOA Test Carpet Specifications

Testing performed for the SOA program utilizes test carpets specified in the following table. Each test method in the SOA program references the type of test carpet used for testing (Residential Cut Pile, Commercial Cut Pile, or Loop Pile.) Any changes to the carpet specifications must be approved by The Carpet and Rug Institute Seal of Approval Certification Team.

	Residential Cut Pile	Commercial Cut Pile	Loop Pile
Face Fiber Type	Nylon	Nylon	Nylon
Gauge	5/32	1/10	1/10
Stiches per inch	8.33	9.67	9.67
Tufted Yarn Weight (oz/yd²)	25	30	30
Pile Height (in)	0.531	0.250	0.156
Stain and Soil Chemistry	None	None	None