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BCF and Spun Yarns

Synthetic pile fibers are produced in two forms, either as bulked continuous filaments (BCF) or as staple fibers. BCF are long, unbroken strands of fiber which are predominantly used in the manufacture of loop pile carpets. Staple fiber, on the other hand, is typically made in 6- to 8-inch lengths. Staple nylon is a mainstay of cut pile carpeting.

Because staple spun yarns are made with cut lengths of fiber, some fluffing and shedding of short fiber can be expected. With proper vacuuming, using a quality vacuum cleaner, most shedding gradually disappears within the first year of installation. This occurrence does not affect the long-term performance of the carpet.