

Buckles, wrinkles, and bubbles normally do not occur with properly stretched-in carpet. If they do, power stretching and following these recommendations should correct the situation.

- ALL FURNITURE has to be removed from each room.
- The carpet has to be taken loose from all tackstrip.
- Check that all tackstrip is firmly anchored to floor. The proper gully for the tackstrip is slightly less than the thickness of the carpet, but not to exceed 3/8 inch. Check for cushion (padding) that may have bunched up under the carpet due to inadequate fastening of the cushion. Check for delamination of the secondary backing.
- The seams are to be cut open at all doorways and the seams are to be sealed or buttered before re-seaming.
- Using a power stretcher, not a knee-kicker, the carpet is to be stretched 1% to 1½% in each direction in each room. The four way stretch method is to be used.
- Stretchers with a spike on the end are not to be used.
- Restretching one room and leaving an adjoining room or hallway not restretched will likely cause wrinkles to reappear.
- Most floor vents and doorways will require pieces to be seamed into the carpet as the carpet is repositioned with power stretching.
- Edges of carpet that will be placed under a metal strip should be sealed with seam sealer adhesive to resist raveling. Exposed edges fitted to a hard surface flooring should also be sealed.
- Follow all installation guidelines as listed in the Carpet and Rug Institute Residential Carpet Installation Standard-CRI 105.

NOTE: CRI 105 is available for a nominal charge from The Publications Department of The Carpet and Rug Institute, phone 706-278-0232.