



Carpet Cove Base Installation Instructions

Milliken **strongly recommends** the use of a **Milliken Certified Installation Contractor** to install all broadloom products. Installation contractors certified by the Floor Covering Installation Board (**FCIB**) as well as firms that can document the employment of installers certified by the International Certified Floor Covering Installers Association (**CFI**) at the R2, C2 or Master level are also recognized as sources of good quality installation labor.

APPLICABLE CRI INSTALLATION METHODS: Except where exceeded or modified by this instruction, Milliken recognizes the CRI 104 Standard for Installation of Commercial Carpet, and CRI 105 Standard for Installation of Residential Carpet September 2015 as the minimum acceptable standards for the installation of its carpet products.

NOTICE: Dealer and/or installer must inspect carpet cove base prior to installation. Milliken **cannot be responsible** for visible defects after carpet cove base has been cut and installed.

STORAGE and CONDITIONING

- Carpet cove base must be stored in an indoor climate-controlled environment protected from external elements.
- Temperature must be maintained between 65° and 85° F (18° to 30° C) for 48 hours prior to installation
- All cartons and pallets must be stored on a dry flat level surface.
- Do not store rolled carpet cove base on edge. It must be stored flat.
- Room temperature should be maintained between 55°- and 95° F post installation. (18° to 30° C) for 48 hours prior to installation.
- Ensure HVAC system is fully operational at normal operating conditions 48 hours prior to, during and after installation.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes for at least 48 hours after installation.
- This product is intended for internal installation only.

ACCEPTABLE WALL SURFACE:

- Structurally sound interior wall surfaces
 - Dry Plaster, Cured drywall, Exterior grade plywood (group 1 cc type), Concrete - clean smooth dry
- All surfaces must be free from moisture, alkali, old adhesive, dust, dirt, oil, wax, grease, loose paint or plaster, non-porous wall coverings or paints that may prevent bonding.
- Cementitious / plaster surfaces must be dry and cured.
- Rough and uneven surfaces may telegraph through the carpet cove base.
- Drywall should be no higher than 1/2" off the floor.

UNACCEPTABLE SURFACES: (do not install over):

- Existing wall base, rubber, vinyl, or linoleum flash cove, cork, or asphaltic materials.
- Not for external use or in and around kitchen areas.
- Should not be installed directly to heat sources (radiators, ovens, or other high heat equipment).

INSTALLATION TOOLS:

- Carpet knife.
- Straight edge / square
- Cove base adhesive
- 4" trowel for bucket adhesive or caulking gun with nozzle when using tubes of adhesive.

ADHESIVES:

- The installer is responsible for selecting the appropriate adhesive for the given surface.
 - Porous Surfaces - regular wall base adhesive (recommended adhesives)
 - Excelsior WB0600, Mapei 575, XL 4400, Roberts 7200
 - Non-Porous Surfaces - use a contact adhesive (recommended adhesives)
 - Excelsior C-630, Weldwood, DAP, or 3M must be used.
- Carefully follow the selected adhesive manufactures adhesive application / installation recommendation.
 - The proper trowel or adhesive applicator must be used per adhesive manufacturers instructions.

INSTALLATION:

1. Make sure that all pile direction is oriented in the same direction. This is important to maintain a consistent appearance.
2. Unroll base next to wall face down.
3. Apply adhesive to the back of the carpet being careful not to get within ¼" of the top and bottom edges.
 - a. Ensure 90% coverage
4. Start in a corner or door frame by firmly pressing the carpet base in place to ensure the adhesive is making solid contact. Continue working the base to the wall by putting a slight stretch on the base to prevent wrinkles.
5. Inside corners can either be cut or pressed firmly into the corner. Outside corners should be wrapped around. Extra adhesive may be necessary on outside corners. In some cases, you may have to make a "relief" cut on the outside corner to make a flush wrap. If the outside corner keeps pulling away from the edge, you can use a hot glue gun to hold the carpet on the edge for a permanent hold.
6. Carpet base should be cut from the back with a straight edge/square on top of cardboard to prevent penetration into existing flooring.
7. Carpet base should be cut flush with door frames to avoid any gapping.

8. If the carpet base is stapled to the wall, indentions may be seen, especially when the staples corrupt the overall appearance of a loop piled carpet base.
9. Hand roll in the direction of the last piece installed within 30 minutes of the installation.

PROTECTING CARPET AFTER INSTALLATION:

Milliken recognizes the **CRI 104 Standard for Installation of Commercial Carpet, and CRI 105 Standard for Installation of Residential Carpet September 2015** as the standard guidelines for protecting carpet and associated materials after installation. The CRI Standard specifically states: "It is recommended that carpet be the last trade on any job site. However, if it is required to protect the finished floor covering from soil or paint, or if any additional work is required to be done after installation, the carpet should be covered with a non-staining building material paper. Protect the installation from rolling traffic by using sheets of hardboard or plywood in potentially affected areas." Also, CRI cautions: "Self-adhering plastic films may leave residues that result in rapid soiling after removal. Do not place plastic sheeting over any carpet installation because it may present a slip hazard. Most importantly, plastic coverings will trap moisture, retard adhesive curing and may promote mold growth."

Milliken cannot be responsible for pattern match in direct glue-down installations. This includes all double stick methods. If a consumer desires an adhesive installation, carpet must be inspected for visible manufacturing defects prior to installation. Once installed, Milliken will decline all complaints except for latent defects. Sequencing of rolls by pattern repeat is mandatory for success when installing patterned carpet in any direct glue or double stick application.

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The above instructions represent the best available data and are deemed correct and complete. However, Milliken assumes no liability for installation-related problems.

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