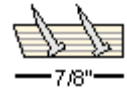




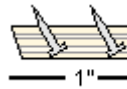
Tackless Carpet Strip "TACK STRIP" Instruction On Installation



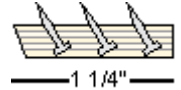
Regular – Most economical type of tack strip. It is approximately 7/8" wide. Used with routine residential & commercial installations when economy is needed.



Extra Wide – The most common used tack strip. The plywood is full 1" wide. The Front and back rows of the pins are positioned farther apart for added strength and easier gripping of stiff carpets or thicker cushion. Widely used with residential and commercial installations when greater holding g power is needed.



Tri – Tack Tri – Tack is the most widely and fastest growing size of tack strip. It offers full 3 rows of pins set in a 1 1/4 "wide plywood strip. A less expensive Alternative to double striping and full width commercial tack strip. Provides extra protection on difficult residential installation. Ideal for use with Berbers



Commercial – Used for difficult installations of any kind. Three rows of pins are spaced equally over a 1 3/4" wide tack strip. Anchoring nails to the wall to prevent Tack strip from lifting during heavy stretching and installations. Use on large installations when maximum holding power is required.



Tack strip Installation specifications include:

1. Tack strip must be securely fastened to maintain the stretch provided by power stretching
2. Tack strip must be placed with the pins angled towards vertical surfaces.
3. The gully, or distance between that tackstrip and vertical surfaces, must be slightly less than the thickness of the carpet but not exceed 3/8" (9mm)
4. Installing tackstrip across door openings and/or sills must be avoided.
5. Tack strip must be cut to follow the contour of door casings and other irregularly shaped abutments.
6. Carpet must not be stapled to tackstrip.
7. On radiant-heated floors, do not drive nails or screws into conduit or tubing.

Installation Bullets:

1. Lay out the tack strip around the perimeter of the room with the points toward the wall or as indicated on the tack strip. Cut pieces to fit around radiators or other permanent fixtures (exclude small items like pipes and floor vents).
2. Once the tack strips are in place, hammer the fastening nails securely into the floor. Roll out and fit the pad along the tack strip edges, trimming any excess with a utility knife.
3. Pick up the scrap pieces of padding as you cut them so later they don't get trapped under the carpet. Staple down the pad with an electric stapler about every 8" so the pad isn't about to shift of buckle or tear.

Floor Preparation:

Vacuum and sweep the floor clean of all debris and dust from the sub floor. Position tack strips, end to end, around the perimeter of the room to be carpeted. Cut tack strips to fit into corners and around door jambs. Do not cut strip on a bevel. Always cut straight and place butt ends of cut strips together. Do not use carpet strips across open doorways. Install an appropriate doorway molding. Be sure that all tack strips are positioned with pins pointing upward and towards the wall. Each cut piece of tack strip should have at least two anchoring nails.'

Tack Strip Installation:

Wear safety glasses to avoid any possible eye injury. The nails may become dislodged or shatter on impact. Nail the tack strips to the floor using pre-started anchoring nails. Leave 1/4"- 1/2" gap between the tack strip and the wall around the perimeter of the room to be carpeted. If anchoring nails, bend or concrete floor chips away, tack strips should be installed using contact cement (see "Tack Strip installations using Contact Cement"). Install doorway molding according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Tack Strip Installation using Contact Cement:

Follow contact cement manufacturer's instructions and warnings for the best results. Place the tack strip on the floor around the perimeter of the room to be carpeted. Lift each piece of tack strip from the floor. Using a 1" wide brush, apply the contact cement to the backs of the tack strip and to the area of the floor where it will be set. Lay tack strips adhesive side up and allow strip and floor to dry to the touch. Return the tack strip to the original position on the floor. Place a small wooden block between the rows of the nails and tap with a hammer firmly securing the tack strip to the floor.

Carpet Pad Installation:

Carpet pad should be installed according to the pad manufacturer's instructions on installation for the best results. Cut the pad so that the edges are within 1/2" of the carpet strip throughout the room to be carpeted. Some pad manufacturers recommend pieces of the pad be seamed together with tape or taped directly to the floor using double-sided tape to prevent movement. Follow the pad manufacturers instructions for the best results

Carpet Installation:

Position the carpet over the pad and the carpet tack strip. Leave 1 – 2 inches of excess carpet up each wall and into any doorways. Using the blade of a large flathead screwdriver and starting at a wall away from a door, press the carpet firmly onto tack strip so that the small pins penetrate the carpet backing. Continue this procedure for the entire wall. While crawling on the carpet, smooth and stretch the carpet to remove wrinkles. Use a screwdriver to rub the carpet onto the tack strip on opposing wall. Do the same for the remaining walls, being sure to smooth and stretch out all the wrinkles as you go. Start at any corner. Trim the carpet with a utility knife held at a 45 degree angle. Trim the carpet a little longer and tuck the excess in a gap between the carpet strip and the wall as you go. Complete all the walls. Finish doorway molding according to the manufacture's instructions.

