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Textile floor coverings—Terminology



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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee TX-009 Carpets to supersede AS 2454—1993, *Textile floor coverings—Terminology*. This edition incorporates new terminology and technology, general manufacture, installation and cleaning practices.

Terms relating to textile floor coverings, textile floor covering components and installation practice are defined, and categories of textile floor coverings are defined according to their structural composition. This Standard applies to textile floor coverings of all types. Appendix A outlines the most common carpet constructions.

While ‘textile floor covering’ is an approved term, by definition all textile floor coverings are carpets, and the common usage term is ‘carpet’. The constant use of the term ‘textile floor covering’ in the Standard, especially where preceded by descriptors, would make many of the terms and definitions cumbersome and unrecognizable. Therefore, the term ‘textile floor covering’ is used only where descriptors are not required before the term.

During the development of this Standard cognizance was taken of ISO/DIS 2424, *Textile floor coverings—Vocabulary*.

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

AS/NZS

2111	Methods of test for textile floor coverings—Tests and measurements
2111.4	Method 4: Determination of surface pile mass above the substrate
2111.5	Method 5: Determination of thickness of pile above substrate
2111.6	Method 6: Determination of tuft length of pile
2111.11	Method 11: Determination of total pile mass per unit area by complete dissection
2450	Textiles—Natural and man-made fibres—Generic names

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Term	Definition
abrasion	<i>See</i> wear by abrasion.
antistatic	Having a reduced electrostatic propensity.
appearance retention	The degree to which a textile floor covering retains its original appearance with regard to such things as colour, pattern, texture, and tuft definition.
attached underlay	<i>See</i> integral foam underlay.
Axminster carpet	Cut pile carpet produced by inserting, during weaving, successive rows of tufts having colours arranged according to a predetermined order (<i>see</i> Figure 1, 10 and 23). Consequently this type of carpet does not contain dead yarn. (<i>See also</i> chenille Axminster carpet, gripper Jacquard Axminster carpet, spool Axminster carpet, spool-gripper Axminster carpet.)
back-coating	The application of an adhesive agent on the back of a textile floor covering which penetrates to some degree into the textile floor covering but without reaching the use-surface.
backing	<i>See</i> substrate.
backing fabric	A separately manufactured fabric which is incorporated into the substrate usually to provide stability either during manufacture or in use. (<i>See also</i> primary backing and secondary backing.)
— secondary backing	Additional stabilizing layer attached to or adhered to the primary backing. The secondary backing may be a textile or rubber layer, or elastomeric foam attached to or adhered to, flowed on or coated onto the underside of the primary backing.
— woven backing	Carpet backing formed by weaving, either before manufacture of the carpet or in the course of its production.
— knitted backing	Carpet backing produced by knitting, either before manufacture or in the course of production.
— non-woven backing	Carpet backing produced by a technique other than weaving or knitting.
— non-textile backing	Carpet backing composed of material other than textile material and consisting generally of plastics material or of rubber.
— felt backing	Needled textile layer, attached to the back of a textile floor covering.

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