



## **NEW EDITION**

### **WARRANTY, CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

#### **General Information**

Midwest Floor Source stands behind the quality and craftsmanship of every product we sell. You have selected a carpet known for style, quality, and value that we know you will enjoy for years to come.

This information was designed to help you understand the warranties that apply to your new carpet as well as how to properly care for and maintain its beauty. Please retain this warranty booklet along with a copy of your original invoice, cleaning receipts, and two square feet of excess unused carpet after installation.

#### **5 YEAR LIMITED RESIDENTIAL BROADLOOM CARPET WARRANTY**

The following details the Residential Limited Warranty issued for this residential carpet.

#### **Who Is Covered?**

This warranty protects you, the original purchaser, if you have purchased this carpet for your own residential use in an owner-occupied residence. This warranty is non-transferable.

#### **WARRANTY INFORMATION**

##### **Lifetime Limited Stain Resistance Warranty**

Midwest Floor Source warrants that the surface pile of your carpet will resist stains from most foods and beverages (except as noted below) with the use of proper carpet care and cleaning procedures for the term of the warranty. We will repair or replace any carpet that does not perform as warranted per the fulfillment obligations.

No carpet is completely stain proof, therefore, this warranty excludes 1) General soiling and stains from nonfood/non-beverage sources; 2) Foods and beverages that contain strong dyeing agents such as but not limited to mustard, herbal tea, red wine, and coffee; 3) Substances that permanently damage or change the color of the carpet including, but not limited to bleach, hydrogen peroxide, acne medication, acids, drain cleaners, plant food, vomit, feces, and urine; 4) Wicking or residual stains and filtration soiling.

Midwest Floor Source additionally warrants that carpets manufactured with 100% PET only will resist stains from benzoyl peroxide, a common ingredient found in acne medication.

## **5 Year Limited Texture Retention Warranty**

Midwest Floor Source warrants that the surface pile of your carpet will not lose a significant amount of texture as measured with the ASTM-D-6119 standardized rating scale provided the carpet is installed over an approved pad that measures a minimum 6 lb density and is at least 7/16" thick. We will repair or replace any carpet that does not perform as warranted per the fulfillment obligations.

Texture retention is the ability of carpet tufts to maintain their shape and not lose twist, burst or bloom. Wear from crushing, flattening, soiling, agitated feet grinding or shuffling in front of seating areas, burns, pile reversal, damage from improper installation, pet damage, pulls, or tears are specifically excluded. Indents from heavy equipment or furniture are specifically excluded. The texture of any carpet will change to some degree in heavy traffic areas, such conditions constitute normal wear.

## **5 Year Limited Abrasive Wear Warranty**

Midwest Floor Source warrants that your carpet will not lose more than 10% of the original face weight for the term of the warranty due to abrasive wear provided the carpet is installed over an approved pad that measures a minimum 6 lb density and is at least 7/16" thick. We will repair or replace any carpet that does not perform as warranted per the fulfillment obligations.

Abrasive wear is defined as fiber loss from the pile surface due to normal foot traffic. Wear from crushing, flattening, soiling, fading, burns, pile reversal, damage from improper installation, pet damage, pulls or tears are specifically excluded.

## **5 Year Limited Quality Assurance Warranty**

Midwest Floor Source warrants that your carpet will be free of any manufacturing defect. Manufacturing defects are defined as any defect in workmanship or material. We will repair or replace any carpet that is found to have manufacturing defects per the fulfillment obligations.

Crushing or matting of any kind including but not limited to pile compression or entanglement caused by foot traffic or indentions caused by furniture or other heavy equipment is not covered under this warranty.

Color loss or changes caused by atmospheric contaminants, chemicals, or sunlight are specifically excluded from this warranty.

Delamination, loss of tuft bind, buckling, ripples or any other damage caused by abuse including but not limited to improper installation, improper maintenance, flooding and pet damage is specifically excluded from this warranty.

Midwest Floor Source will not pay for labor for appearance related defects that should have been identified prior to installation such as streaks, color shifts, spots, tears, missing tufts, etc.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**The Terms and Conditions apply to ALL the limited warranties provided in this brochure.**

Only first quality carpets qualify for coverage under these warranties. Proof of purchase is required in the form of an invoice or statement showing proof of the original installation date and carpet style and color information. (Proof of purchase must reflect that full payment has been made.)

Carpet must be installed following the Carpet and Rug Institute Residential Installation Standard CRI-105 over an approved pad that measures a minimum of 6 lb density and is at least 7/16" thick to qualify for coverage under these warranties. Midwest Floor Source is not responsible for installation and any damage from improper installation are not covered under these warranties.

To qualify for coverage under these warranties, the carpet must be installed in an owner occupied residence. Carpet installed in rented or leased property, time shares, and/or any non-residential space, including but not limited to hotels, retail stores, and offices is specifically excluded.

Carpet installed outdoors, on stairs, in bathrooms, and/or kitchens is specifically excluded from all warranties. Any carpet exposed to abnormal use or abuse including but not limited to extreme heat, damage from smoke or fire, damage from plumbing leaks or floods, damage from improper cleaning methods or use of improper cleaning agents is specifically excluded.

These warranties are extended to the original purchaser and are not transferable.

Midwest Floor Source does not warrant that seams will be invisible and there is no guarantee of perfect side match on patterned carpet. Dye lots may vary from lot to lot and may not match the sample exactly; dye lot variance is not a defect.

Proper maintenance is required to maintain your warranty coverage, please follow the instructions titled Carpet Care and Maintenance found in this brochure. Additionally, Midwest Floor source **requires** that a hot water extraction (often known as "steam cleaning") be performed **at least every 18 months** by an IICRC certified firm to maintain your carpets appearance and warranties. You may contact the IICRC at 1-800-835-4624 or [www.iicrc.org](http://www.iicrc.org). You must keep all receipts as proof of service.

- These limited warranties give you specific legal rights, and you may also have other legal rights which vary from state to state. These limited warranties apply only to Midwest Floor Source wall-to-wall carpet installed in the U.S.

## FULFILLMENT OF OUR WARRANTY OBLIGATION

### What If You Need Warranty Service?

If you think that there is a defect in your carpet that is covered by this warranty, you must notify the Midwest Floor Source retailer who sold you the carpet. Your retailer will be able to file a claim with Midwest Floor Source for you. If you are unable to contact your retailer, do not

receive satisfaction, or need more information regarding proper installation or this warranty, please contact Midwest Floor Source. Be sure to include a full description of the problem, photos if available, and proof of purchase showing the price paid for the carpet excluding pad and labor.

**WHAT Midwest Floor Source WILL DO:** Should a defect covered under this warranty above be found, the affected area will be repaired to conform to the warranty. If Midwest Floor Source determines repair is not commercially practical, Midwest Floor Source may, at its sole option, replace the affected product or refund the proportional purchase price for the affected area. Midwest Floor Source will pay the reasonable costs for freight and for labor if within one (1) year of the date of purchase where applicable. Any costs incurred for the moving of equipment, furnishings, partitions and the like, that were installed over the carpet, will be at your sole expense. Any moisture-related testing (i.e. Calcium Chloride, % Relative Humidity, and pH) is not the responsibility of Midwest Floor Source and all issues related to moisture, including any product-related issues, are excluded from this warranty.

**IMPLIED WARRANTIES: NO IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING THE WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, EXTEND BEYOND THE TERM OF THIS WRITTEN MIDWEST FLOOR SOURCE WARRANTY.** By implied warranties, we mean ones that the law presumes to have been given by the seller even though they aren't set out in writing.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above limitation or exclusion may not apply to you.

## **CARE AND MAINTENANCE**

### **(A) Preventative Maintenance**

- Keep outside areas clean. Less dirt is tracked inside when outside areas are kept clean. During winter remove as much snow and ice as possible without treating with chemicals, sand, or salt.
- Use soil barriers (walk off mats, rugs, and runners) at all entrances and on uncarpeted areas adjacent to carpet and clean them frequently.
- Maintain your HVAC system. Replace filters regularly to help remove many airborne particles.
- Close blinds and drapes during daylight hours.
- Use furniture coasters under furniture to minimize indentations in the carpet due to the weight of the furniture.
- Be very careful handling any bleach, acne medication, hydrogen peroxide, tile cleaners, plant food, drain cleaners, or oven cleaners. These items contain substances that can permanently discolor your carpet or even dissolve the fibers and backing.
- Avoid agitated wear (don't grind or shuffle feet in front of seating areas, use protective barriers when moving furniture and especially under wheeled furniture)

### **(B) Regular Vacuuming**

- Dry dirt, dust and soil particles can build up in your carpet and can not only cause your carpet to look soiled but these often sharp, gritty particles can also abrade the fibers which can create a permanently worn and dull appearance. Regular vacuuming not only keeps your carpet clean but will also enhance and extend your carpets beauty as well.
- Vacuum your entire home at least once a week and vacuum high traffic areas daily.
- Use a vacuum with a rotating brush or beater bar set to the correct height, having the bar set too low can comb the twist out of the fiber (some carpets such as thick pile loops or thick cabled high pile shags should be vacuumed with suction vacuums only, consult your retailer for furtherer advise).

**Be aware that some vacuums have excessive suction power and/or excessively stiff brushes that exceed what is required to affectively clean carpet products. Use of such vacuums may damage the surface of your carpet, and potentially void your warranties. Visit [www. carpet-rug.org](http://www.carpet-rug.org) for a list of CRI seal of approval vacuums.**

### **(C) Remove stains or spills immediately**

- Acting fast can prevent a spill from becoming a difficult to remove stain. First scoop as much of the spill up as possible with a spoon, next using a white cloth or paper towel, blot as much of the spill up as possible (do not rub, scrub, or brush), use a wet/dry vac for large spills, finally use a CRI seal of approval spot remover [www.carpet-rug.org](http://www.carpet-rug.org) and follow the manufacturer' s recommended cleaning procedures.

- Never use a cleaner with a PH of 10 or higher and always test cleaners in a closet or other non-visible area before use.
- Contact an IICRC certified professional cleaner [www.iicrc.org](http://www.iicrc.org) if spot cannot be removed.

#### **(D) Deep Cleaning**

- Midwest Floor Source recommends that you have your carpet professionally hot water extracted by an IICRC certified firm ([www.iicrc.org](http://www.iicrc.org)) every 12 months and requires it every 18 months to maintain warranty coverage. Hot water extraction not only removes oily, sticky soil that cling to the carpet fibers but also helps to refresh the texture of your carpet by helping the fibers to remember their twist.

### **NON-WARRANTED CARPET CHARACTERISTICS**

#### **Crushing**

Crushing is the loss of pile thickness due to foot traffic or furniture indentation. Loss of pile thickness is the compression of the carpet tufts. Crushing may become permanent and is not a defect. Frequent vacuuming should reduce crushing due to traffic and hot water extraction may help restore some pile thickness. The use of furniture coasters is also highly recommended.

#### **Shading/Watermarking**

Shading is not a change in color but a change in pile direction that sometimes appears randomly in a carpet or rug. If you look at the shaded area in one direction, it will appear darker, but from another direction, it will appear lighter in color due to the direction that light is reflecting off the fiber. Shading is a characteristic of certain constructions of carpet and is normal. Permanent pile reversal can also be classified as shading and is sometimes called watermarking or pooling. This condition has no known cause but is not a manufacturing defect.

#### **Vacuum Marks and Footprints**

Many carpet styles will show footprints and vacuum marks, these marks are not defects.

#### **Matting**

Matting is the result of fibers or tufts entangling with adjacent tufts and is usually the result of infrequent vacuuming or cushion failure in traffic areas. Matting is not a manufacturing defect and can be avoided with good maintenance and using a proper cushion or pad.

#### **Filtration Soiling**

Filtration Soiling is the result of air flowing through or over the carpet. Dirt, dust, pollen and other air born particulates are trapped on the carpet's surface. Filtration soiling will appear as dark or grayish spots or lines along walls, under doors, or vents as air escapes through tiny gaps

and is filtered by the carpet. This condition can be cleaned but will return quickly if the gaps are not sealed or otherwise corrected.

### **Buckling and Ripples**

Buckling may occur after installation and is not a manufacturing defect. The ripples are often the result of excessive humidity or damp weather and may disappear as the atmosphere dries. They can also be the result of improper installation. An installer can usually correct this problem by re-stretching the carpet with a power stretcher.

### **Yellowing**

Yellowing can be caused by many different influences including but not limited to changes in alkalinity, off gassing from cushion, heating fuels, cleaning solution residue, etc. A professional carpet cleaner can remove most yellowing using white vinegar or citrus acid-based cleaning solutions.

### **Seams**

Certified installers know how to minimize the appearance of seams. Seams may be more apparent in certain carpet constructions with lower pile heights, your retailer should discuss this with you before you purchase.

### **Tip Bloom**

Over time, daily foot traffic can cause the tips of yarns in cut pile carpets to untwist and bloom open. This is a normal occurrence. To minimize this effect, look for carpets with highly twisted yarns of dense construction, use a vacuum cleaner set to the correct height and make sure to have a hot water exaction performed annually.