

TEST REPORT

DATE: 04/12/2008		TEST NUMBER: 1134/4
CLIENT	Masland Carpets	

TEST METHOD CONDUCTED	AATCC 134-06 (Step Method) Electrostatic Propensity of Carpets	
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DESCRIPTION OF TEST SAMPLE			
IDENTIFICATION	T423 Brush Strokes		
COLOR	04201 Batik		
ROLL			
CONSTRUCTION	Multi-Level Loop Pile		
FIBER			
BACKING	TL		
REFERENCE			

GENERAL PRINCIPLE

This method is designed to assess the static propensity of flooring material by controlled laboratory simulation of conditions which are known from experience to be strongly contributory to excessive accumulation of static charges.

A flooring material preconditioned to equilibrium at controlled atmospheric conditions is walked on by a test subject in a specified manner with specified shoe soles. The static charges which build up on the tester are monitored continuously by a recorder.

A neolite shoe sole has been chosen as the primary reference material because its static performance is much like that of many common leathers. It is a commonly used shoe sole material and can be easily cleaned, while its chemical and physical properties are quite uniform.

A chrome tanned leather shoe sole has been chosen for a secondary reference material because it is representative of a certain class of leathers whose performance differs significantly from that of neolite soles on certain carpet fiber. Statistically, chrome tanned leather comprises a very small percentage of the shoe sole market, but must be considered in critical applications.

TEST CONDITIONS		
TEST CONDITIONS	The sample is conditioned to equilibrium and tested at 70 $^{\circ}$ ± 2 $^{\circ}$ F and 20 ± 2% relative humidity	
SAMPLE PREPARATION	Shampooed three times according to GSA specifications	
SUBSTRATE	Tested Over Grounded Metal Plate	

	DAY 1	DAY 2	AVERAGE
TEST I: Step Test/Neolite Sole	+0.5 KV	+0.6 KV	+0.6 KV
TEST III: Step Test/Leather Sole	+2.0 KV	+2.1 KV	+2.1 KV
MAXIMUM AVERAGE VOLTAGE		POS 2.1 KV	

"The results of this test relate to the sample of flooring material tested. Its static performance may be altered in service as a result of wear, soiling, cleaning, temperature, relative humidity, etc..."

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