Cornrowing

Cornrowing is the term generally used to describe the structural influence that certain in-use conditions have on carpet’s face fibers. Its occurrence is most commonly seen in lightweight, low density carpets, and it occurs in high-traffic and pivotal traffic areas, and often in areas where closely trimmed to the carpet interior doors are frequently opened and closed.

When cornrowing develops, some, but not all fibers become crushed, altering the vertical orientation and spatial alignment of these fibers, which can also experience a loss of twist and fiber tip definition. The term “cornrowing” is derived by the resemblances this condition has to rows of corn stalks whose leaves at the top of the stalks blend into the spaces between the rows of stalks.

Cornrowing is not the result of any defects in the quality or workmanship of a carpet, or considered by the carpet industry to be a valid reason for a claim.

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