

Alan's Carpet Durability Rating Guide

A FREE Consumer Guide to Help Determine Carpet Durability and Stain Resistance Using Available Manufacturing Specifications

Most Carpet Manufacturers provide consumers with manufacturing specifications upon request. You can request this information from the carpet dealer where you shop or call the carpet manufacturer directly to gain the carpet specifications you desire.

	Poor		Fair		Good		Best		
1. Fiber Type	Polyester	PET Polyester	Polyester	Olefin/Polypropylene	SmartStrand/Triexta	Anso Nylon 6	Nylon 6.6	Stainmaster Nylon 6.6	
Points	10	15	35	35	45	55	60	60	
2. Pile Density	1400	1600	1800	2000	2200	2400	3000	3500+	
Points	5	20	25	30	35	40	40	45	
3. Pile Height	1.25"	1"	.75"	.67"	.5"	.375"	.32"	.25"	
Points	10	15	20	25	30	30	35	35	
4. Face Weight	24oz	28	32	36	42	48	52	60	
Points	10	15	20	25	30	35	35	35	
5. Tuft Twist	4	4.5	5	5.5	6	6.6	7	7.5	
Points	0	10	15	20	25	30	35	35	
6. Anti Stain**	None	Stainguard	Scotchgard	PermaShield	R2X	SmartStrand/Triexta	Stainmaster		
Points	0	5	10	10	10	20	25	25	

Use this guide to help determine carpet durability. Consider the diagram above; add up your points to get an overall impression of the carpet in question. Guide not recommended for use with looped Berber styles. **Anti-stain treatments can play a major factor in the overall durability based on how well the carpet will resist stains and overall clean-ability over the lifespan of the carpet.

Scoring Durability Points: 50 to 120 POOR, 125 to 150 FAIR, 155-195 GOOD, 200 -235 and above BEST