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**CARPET WARRANTY BROCHURE**



*We're proud of the many products we create with nearly 20,000 American craftsmen who make sure your carpets are beautiful, durable, comfortable, and sustainable.*

*Mohawk offers an extensive variety of today's finest floor coverings. Ask your retailer about other expertly crafted Mohawk products specially designed to complement your home's interior and your personal decorative style.*

*At Mohawk, our brand is our reputation. We stand behind every product we make. Thank you for your trust in us, and we hope you enjoy your new Mohawk flooring.*

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Mohawk provides the limited warranties contained in this brochure and warrants against defects in materials and/or workmanship specific to the scope set forth more specifically in this carpet warranty brochure. These warranties are limited in nature and, as such, are subject to exceptions, limitations, and time periods as contained herein. In some cases, these time periods may include proration of valid claim amounts. The specific warranties applicable are indicated on the sample(s) provided by your authorized Mohawk carpet retailer at the time of purchase. This carpet warranty brochure is a legal document and sets out the sole obligations of Mohawk. No person, party, or entity is authorized to modify or extend these limited warranties without express permission of Mohawk.

Please save a copy of this warranty brochure with these other important documents regarding your carpet:

- Original invoice
- Copy of sample label (from retailer)
- Cleaning receipts

Retaining these documents ensures that, in the unlikely event of a claim, you'll have all the necessary paperwork handy. Mohawk also recommends keeping a 2' x 3' piece of carpet from your installation for your warranty and in case you ever need to make a repair.

If you have any questions regarding your product warranty, you may visit our website at [www.mohawkflooring.com/customer-care](http://www.mohawkflooring.com/customer-care). Additionally, you may contact **Technical Services** at 888-387-9881 or [product\\_tech@mohawkind.com](mailto:product_tech@mohawkind.com).

All warranty information in this brochure is effective  
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# 26-OUNCE-AND-UP MOHAWK WARRANTY CHART

SmartStrand  
FOREVER CLEAN

SmartStrand Silk  
FOREVER CLEAN  
(includes SmartStrand Ultra and Silk Reserve)

PET Premier  
UNLEASH THE DIFFERENCE

everSTRAND Elite

everSTRAND

|         |                       |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                          |                                                                                                                          |
|---------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| CARE    | Household Stain       | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | Lifetime                                                                                                                 |
|         | Pet Stain             | Lifetime All Pet                                                                                                         | Lifetime All Pet                                                                                                         | Lifetime Pet Urine Stain                                                                                                 | Lifetime Pet Urine Stain                                                                                                 |
|         | Soil                  | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | Lifetime                                                                                                                 |
| QUALITY | Abrasive Wear         | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | 25-Year                                                                                                                  | 25-Year                                                                                                                  | 25-Year                                                                                                                  |
|         | Texture Retention     | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | 25-Year                                                                                                                  | 25-Year                                                                                                                  | 25-Year                                                                                                                  |
|         | Fade Resistance       | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | Lifetime With Bleach Resistance*                                                                                         | Lifetime With Bleach Resistance*                                                                                         | Lifetime                                                                                                                 |
|         | Manufacturing Defects | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | Limited Lifetime                                                                                                         |
|         | Anti-Static           | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | Lifetime                                                                                                                 | 25-Year                                                                                                                  |
|         | Coverage              | Material, Labor & Stairs                                                                                                 | Material, Labor, Stairs With Premium Cushion                                                                             | Material, Labor, Stairs With Premium Cushion                                                                             | Material, Labor, Stairs With Premium Cushion                                                                             |
|         | Additional Features   | Non-Prorated, Transferable, 30-Day Satisfaction Assurance Guarantee (applies only to retail purchases; labor excluded)** | Non-Prorated, Transferable, 30-Day Satisfaction Assurance Guarantee (applies only to retail purchases; labor excluded)** | Non-Prorated, Transferable, 30-Day Satisfaction Assurance Guarantee (applies only to retail purchases; labor excluded)** | Non-Prorated, Transferable, 30-Day Satisfaction Assurance Guarantee (applies only to retail purchases; labor excluded)** |

SmartCushion

Enhance your warranty when you purchase SmartCushion with Mohawk carpet.

+20 years abrasive wear including stairs

Transferable

\*Lifetime with bleach resistance applies to PET Premier and EverStrand Elite 100% Solution-Dyed PET EverStrand styles.

\*\*This chart only provides an overview of warranties. Please refer to actual warranties on pages 3-9 for complete details on specific coverages.

Note: Not all product lines are available at all retail outlets — refer to your purchase receipt for covered items.

# 25-OUNCE-AND-BELOW MOHAWK WARRANTY CHART

SmartStrand  
FOREVER CLEAN

everSTRAND  
*Elite*

everSTRAND

|         |                       |                                          |                                          |                                          |
|---------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| CARE    | General Stain         | Lifetime                                 | Lifetime                                 | Lifetime                                 |
|         | Pet Stain             | Lifetime All Pet                         | Lifetime Pet Urine Stain                 | Lifetime Pet Urine Stain                 |
|         | Soil                  | Lifetime                                 | 5-Year                                   | 5-Year                                   |
| QUALITY | Abrasive Wear         | 15-Year                                  | 5-Year                                   | 5-Year                                   |
|         | Texture Retention     | N/A                                      | N/A                                      | N/A                                      |
|         | Fade Resistance       | 15-Year                                  | Lifetime With Bleach Resistance          | Lifetime                                 |
|         | Manufacturing Defects | 15-Year                                  | 5-Year                                   | 5-Year                                   |
|         | Anti-Static           | Lifetime                                 | Lifetime                                 | Lifetime                                 |
|         | Coverage              | Prorated Materials & Labor (No Stairs)** | Prorated Materials & Labor (No Stairs)** | Prorated Materials & Labor (No Stairs)** |
|         | Transferable          | Non-Transferable                         | Non-Transferable                         | Non-Transferable                         |

\*\*This chart only provides an overview of warranties. Please refer to actual warranties on pages 3-9 for complete details on specific coverages.

## Notes

- Not all product lines are available at all retail outlets — refer to your purchase receipt for covered items.
- All warranties prorated.
- 25 oz includes entry-level patterns.
- No warranties offered whatsoever for Properties/Multifamily.
- Professional cleaning receipts required.
- No stair warranty.
- These warranties also apply to UltraStrand Events.

# MOHAWK GENERAL WARRANTY CONDITIONS AND HOMEOWNER OBLIGATIONS

To maintain and protect your coverage under the terms of these warranties, you must:

1. **Know which warranties apply to your particular carpet.** Warranties are stated on the back of samples in the store at the time of purchase. It is your responsibility to know which warranties apply to your carpet.
2. **Keep proof of your purchase in the form of a bill, invoice, or statement from your Mohawk retailer** that shows the price you paid for the carpet (excluding labor).
3. **Have your carpet installed by a professional installer. Proper installation is** as important as the original quality and durability of the carpet. An improperly installed carpet will not look good nor wear well and may cause delamination, buckling, wrinkling, and loss of tufts in the seam areas.

Before a new carpet is installed, Mohawk recommends that it condition overnight, preferably unrolled, in an area with a temperature not less than 65°F. This allows the backing to become more pliable and easier to install. It also allows the “new carpet smell” to dissipate. (The binder used to lock the tufts in place may produce a smell sometimes referred to as “new carpet smell.” Studies show that 90% to 95% of the “new carpet smell” dissipates within 24 to 72 hours.) Independent and industry testing has found no harmful emissions from carpets.

Depending on your room dimensions, a seam may be required during carpet installation. If at all possible, the seam should run perpendicular to windows in order to minimize light reflection off the seam. Seams do show, and some constructions show more than others. THERE ARE NO INVISIBLE SEAMS.

4. **Install your carpet with a cushion meeting specifications for the warranted Mohawk carpet.** The cushion under your carpet is one of the carpet's most important components. It is the base that helps the carpet retain its texture and appearance. A cushion that is too soft can adversely affect the performance of the carpet. A cushion that is too thick interferes with the anchoring of the carpet.

To meet warranty requirements, carpet must be correctly installed in a proper indoor setting with a cushion meeting minimum requirements.

## MINIMUM WARRANTY REQUIREMENTS FOR CUSHION

Cushion must meet FHA/HUD requirements and have a minimum density of five (5) pounds per cubic foot; thickness should be a minimum of 3/8 inch and maximum of 1/2 inch. See ReCover Backing Cushion requirements on page 9.

Mohawk's ComfortCushion collection meets or exceeds all minimum cushion requirements. For the ultimate in comfort, performance, and protection, Mohawk recommends SmartCushion®.

For berber-style carpets, Mohawk recommends a minimum density of eight (8) pounds per cubic foot; thickness should be no less than 1/4 inch and no more than 3/8 inch. Mohawk's Synthetic Fiber Cushions meet all the necessary requirements for proper installation and performance. For the ultimate in comfort, performance, and protection, Mohawk recommends SmartCushion thin.

5. **Maintain your carpet according to Mohawk requirements in the Carpet Care and Guidelines section of this brochure**, including a minimum of one (1) professional cleaning every 18 months. You must show proof of cleanings in the form of a bill, invoice, or statement for cleaning services. Along with these documents, Mohawk recommends keeping a 2' x 3' piece of carpet from your installation for your warranty and in case you ever need to make a repair.

If you have any questions regarding your product warranty, you may visit our website at [www.mohawkflooring.com/customer-care](http://www.mohawkflooring.com/customer-care).

Additionally, you may contact **Technical Services at 888-387-9881** or [product\\_tech@mohawkind.com](mailto:product_tech@mohawkind.com).

# MOHAWK WARRANTY DETAILS

Subject to the Mohawk General Warranty Conditions and Homeowner Obligations, the Carpet Warranty and Carpet Characteristic Exclusions, and the disclaimer and limited liability set forth in this brochure, Mohawk provides the following specific warranties:

## **Mohawk Limited Lifetime Triexta Stain Resistance Warranty**

### **ALL SMARTSTRAND FOREVER CLEAN® PRODUCTS.**

Mohawk warrants that the surface pile of this carpet will resist stains from any food and beverage (including mustard, hot coffee, and herbal teas); bleach, provided that bleach spills are accidental and bleach is not used as a cleaning agent, which will void the warranty; benzoyl peroxide (a common ingredient in acne medications); and other water-soluble, non-wax or non-oil based, stains for the life of the carpet from the original date of installation. Mohawk further warrants that if above-mentioned stains are saturated and result in wicking, these stains will release with additional recleaning for the life of the carpet from the original date of installation. (Wicking is defined as a reappearance of previously cleaned stains due to liquid remaining in carpet backing or padding.) If permanent staining should occur that cannot be removed using recommended methods by a certified carpet-care professional, Mohawk will handle such claims as stated in the Mohawk Limited Liability section of this warranty brochure.

### **What Is Not Covered**

In addition to the warranty exclusions listed in the Carpet Warranty and Carpet Characteristic Exclusions section of this brochure, also specifically excluded from this warranty are damage or stains caused by acids, oil-based, or wax based substances, including but not limited to tar, shoe polish, paints, lipstick or mascara. This warranty applies to carpet manufactured using SmartStrand® Triexta fibers only and does not apply to any other fibers.

## **Mohawk Limited Lifetime Nylon and PET Polyester Stain Resistance Warranty**

### **ALL EVERSTRAND® PRODUCTS.**

Mohawk warrants that the surface pile of this carpet will resist stains by most household foods and beverages for the life of the carpet from the original date of installation. If permanent staining should occur that cannot be removed using recommended methods by a certified carpet-care professional, Mohawk will handle such claims as stated in the Mohawk Limited Liability section of this warranty booklet.

### **What Is Not Covered**

In addition to the warranty exclusions listed in the Carpet Warranty and Carpet Characteristic Exclusions section of this brochure, also specifically excluded from this warranty are damage or residual stains caused by non-food and non-beverage substances, in addition to foods and beverages that contain strongly colored natural disperse dyes as found, for example, in mustard, coffee, herbal tea, red wine, and hot beverages, as well as substances which destroy or change the color of carpets, such as bleaches (except for Solution-Dyed PET carpets with a bleach cleanability warranty when following Mohawk diluted-bleach cleaning instructions), acne medications, drain cleaners, plant food, vomit, urine — other than pet (domestic dog or cat) urine — and feces. This warranty applies only to carpet manufactured with the specific above-mentioned fibers and not to any other product.

## **Limited Lifetime Stain, Soil, and Fade Resistance Warranty With Bleach Cleanability**

### **ALL PETPREMIER® AND EVERSTRAND® ELITE 100%**

### **SOLUTION-DYED PRODUCTS.**

Mohawk warrants that 100% Solution-Dyed carpets will resist permanent staining from common household food, beverage, soil, and diluted-bleach spot cleaning according to Mohawk's published care and maintenance instructions. In addition, the carpet will resist soiling from household dirt, maintain its original coloration without significant fading under residential use, and withstand diluted-bleach spot cleaning without permanent color change when cleaned immediately following Mohawk's bleach-spot cleaning guidelines.

The solution-dyed fibers ensure that color penetrates the entire fiber, providing superior resistance to fading from sunlight, atmospheric contaminants, and household cleaning agents, including diluted bleach.

This warranty is conditioned upon proper installation and regular maintenance using Mohawk-approved products and does not cover damage resulting from abuse, commercial use, or negligence.

## **Mohawk Limited Lifetime All Pet® Stain Warranty**

### **ALL SMARTSTRAND FOREVER CLEAN® AND PETPREMIER® PRODUCTS.**

Mohawk warrants that the surface pile of this carpet will resist stains (including vomit, urine, or feces) from all domestic pets for the life of the carpet from the original date of installation. If above-mentioned stains are saturated and result in wicking, these stains will release with additional recleaning for the life of the carpet from the original date of installation. (Wicking is defined as a reappearance of previously cleaned stains due to liquid remaining in carpet backing or padding and will likely require repeated removal attempts to eliminate the source of the wicking — See Mohawk stain removal recommendations in our carpet maintenance guide.) If permanent staining should occur that cannot be removed using recommended methods by a certified carpet-care professional, Mohawk will handle such claims as stated in the Mohawk Limited Liability section of this booklet.

### **What Is Not Covered**

Specifically excluded from this warranty is damage or stains caused by any vomit, urine, or feces from any source other than domestic pets. This warranty applies only to carpet manufactured with the specific above-mentioned fibers and not to any other product.

Pet urine can erode and destroy carpet backing, resulting in carpet delamination which is not covered under this warranty. This warranty applies to stains only and does not cover odors.

## **Mohawk Limited Lifetime Pet Urine Stain Resistance Warranty**

### **ALL EVERSTRAND® PRODUCTS.**

Mohawk warrants that the surface pile of this carpet will resist stains from pet (domestic dog or cat) urine for the life of the carpet from the original date of installation. If above-mentioned stains are saturated and result in wicking, these stains will release with additional recleaning. (Wicking is defined as a reappearance of previously cleaned stains due to liquid remaining in carpet backing or padding and will likely require repeated removal attempts to eliminate the source of the wicking – See Mohawk stain removal recommendations in our carpet maintenance guide.) If permanent staining should occur that cannot be removed using recommended methods by a certified carpet-care professional, Mohawk will handle such claims as stated in the Mohawk Limited Liability section of this warranty brochure.

### **What Is Not Covered**

In addition to the warranty exclusions listed in the Carpet Warranty and Carpet Characteristic Exclusions section of this brochure, also specifically excluded from this warranty is damage or stains caused by any vomit or feces, or any urine other than pet (domestic dog and cat) urine. Pet urine can erode and destroy carpet backing, resulting in carpet delamination which is not covered under this warranty. This warranty applies to above-mentioned urine stains only and does not cover odors. This warranty applies only to carpet manufactured with the specific above-mentioned carpet fibers and not to any other product.

## **Mohawk Limited Lifetime Soil Resistance Warranty**

### **ALL SMARTSTRAND FOREVER CLEAN® AND NON-SOLUTION-DYED EVERSTRAND® PRODUCTS.**

Mohawk warrants that this carpet will not have a noticeable color change due to deposits of dry soil resulting from normal, indoor household foot traffic for the life of the carpet from the original date of installation. "Noticeable color change" is defined as a rating of less than 3 using standardized rating scales (Gray Scale American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists Evaluation Procedure 1 or equivalent in the U.S.). If permanent noticeable color change should occur that cannot be removed using recommended methods by a certified carpet-care professional, Mohawk will handle such claims as stated in the Mohawk's Limited Liability section of this warranty booklet.

### **What Is Not Covered**

In addition to the warranty exclusions listed in the Carpet Warranty and Carpet Characteristic Exclusions section of this brochure, also specifically excluded from this warranty are damage or color changes caused by grease, mud, asphalt, tar, paint, ink, rust, blood, cement, urine, feces, or vomit; or from materials that permanently destroy dyes or alter colors (such as bleaches, acne medications, drain cleaners and plant food); or changes in appearance or color due to burns, pets, tears, cuts, pulls, shading or pile reversal, fading, furniture depressions, or athletic equipment. This warranty applies only to carpet manufactured with the specific above-mentioned fibers and not to any other product.

## **Mohawk Limited Abrasive Wear Warranty**

### **ALL SMARTSTRAND FOREVER CLEAN®, EVERSTRAND®, AND PETPREMIER® PRODUCTS.**

Mohawk warrants that the surface pile of this carpet will not sustain more than 10% abrasive wear for a period of time specified in each fiber chart (in the Mohawk Warranty Chart section of this brochure) from the original date of installation. "Abrasive wear" means fiber-loss from the carpet through normal abrasion, not from crushing or flattening of the carpet pile in any area, or from staining, soiling, fading, or other changes in carpet appearance. If, within the

warranted period, the pile weight of the carpet, when compared to non-traffic areas, loses more than 10% of its weight, Mohawk will handle such claims as stated in the Mohawk Limited Liability section of this warranty brochure.

### **What Is Not Covered**

In addition to the warranty exclusions listed in the Carpet Warranty and Carpet Characteristic Exclusions section of this brochure, also specifically excluded from this warranty is damage caused by tears, pulls, pilling, burns, furniture, wheel traffic, or athletic equipment.

## **Mohawk Limited Texture Retention Warranty**

### **ALL SMARTSTRAND FOREVER CLEAN®, EVERSTRAND®, EVERSTRAND® ELITE, AND PETPREMIER® PRODUCTS.**

Mohawk warrants that this carpet will maintain its texture retention, not showing excessive pile crushing or matting from ordinary foot traffic as a result of the tufts losing twist, for a period of time specified in each fiber chart (in the Mohawk Warranty Chart section of this brochure) from the original date of installation. "Texture retention" is the ability of the carpet tufts to retain their visible shape, as measured by the degree of bursting, opening, or untwisting of the tufts at the surface of the carpet. Texture retention is measured against standardized rating scales ranging from 5.0 (new or no change) to 1.0 (severe change), ISO Standard 9405-1990. To perform as warranted, this carpet must retain a texture rating of at least 2.5 under warranted conditions. If, within the warranty period, a texture rating of less than 2.5 occurs under warranted conditions, Mohawk will handle such claims as stated in the Mohawk Limited Liability section of this warranty brochure.

### **What Is Not Covered**

The items listed in the Carpet Warranty and Carpet Characteristic Exclusions section of this brochure are excluded from this warranty.

## **Mohawk Limited Lifetime Anti-Static Warranty**

### **ALL SMARTSTRAND FOREVER CLEAN®, EVERSTRAND®, EVERSTRAND® ELITE, AND PETPREMIER® PRODUCTS.**

Mohawk warrants that this carpet will not generate static greater than 5 kilovolts (using AATCC Test 134-79) for the life of the carpet from the original date of installation. If static greater than 5 kilovolts is generated, Mohawk will handle such claims as stated in the Mohawk Limited Liability section of this warranty brochure.

### **What Is Not Covered**

The items listed in the Carpet Warranty and Carpet Characteristic Exclusions section of this brochure are excluded from this warranty.

## **Mohawk Limited Fade Resistance Warranty**

### **ALL SMARTSTRAND FOREVER CLEAN® AND EVERSTRAND® PRODUCTS.**

Mohawk warrants that this carpet will not show a permanent color change due to exposure to sunlight greater than one unit as measured by the AATCC Gray Scale for standard comparison of the extent of color differences for a period of time specified in each fiber chart (in the Mohawk Warranty Chart section of this brochure) from the original date of installation.

If, within the warranty period, a color change due to atmospheric contaminants should exceed the AATCC Gray Scale criterion, Mohawk will handle such claims as stated in the Mohawk Limited Liability section of this warranty brochure.

### **What Is Not Covered**

The items listed in the Carpet Warranty and Carpet Characteristic Exclusions section of this brochure are excluded from this warranty.

## **Mohawk Limited Manufacturing Defects Warranty**

**ALL SMARTSTRAND FOREVER CLEAN®, EVERSTRAND®, EVERSTRAND® ELITE, PETPREMIER®, AND STAINMASTER® PRODUCTS.**

Mohawk warrants this residential carpeting against manufacturing defects for a period of time specified in each fiber chart (in the Mohawk Warranty Chart section of this brochure) from the original date of installation. If, within the warranted period, this carpet is determined to be defective, Mohawk will handle such claims as stated in the Mohawk Limited Liability section of this warranty brochure.

### **What Is Not Covered**

The items listed in the Carpet Warranty and Carpet Characteristic Exclusions section of this brochure are excluded from this warranty. This warranty applies only to Mohawk broadloom and not to any other product.

## **Mohawk Custom Rug Warranty**

Mohawk warrants that custom rugs will have a one (1) year Limited Manufacturing Defects Warranty. Custom bound rugs may only be returned for freight damage, defective workmanship or failure to meet ordered specifications.

## **Mohawk 10-Year Limited No Delamination / Buckle-Free Warranty**

**ALL OPTIBACK® PRODUCTS.**

Mohawk warrants that any carpet with the OptiBack backing system will remain free of delamination and buckling for a period of ten (10) years from the original date of installation.

"Delamination," which can lead to buckling, is defined as the separation of the secondary backing from the primary backing. If, within the warranty period, delamination and/or buckling of the warranted carpet occurs under the warranted conditions, Mohawk will handle such claims as stated in the Mohawk Limited Liability section of this warranty brochure.

### **What Is Not Covered**

In addition to the warranty exclusions listed in the Carpet Warranty and Carpet Characteristic Exclusions section of this brochure, also specifically excluded from these warranties are any buckling or delamination issues that result from damage to the backing system due to installation issues, improper seaming, heavy furniture, or over-wetting from improper cleaning, flooding, or any other cause.

## **Mohawk 30-Day Satisfaction Assurance Guarantee**

**ALL SMARTSTRAND FOREVER CLEAN®, EVERSTRAND, EVERSTRAND® ELITE, AND PETPREMIER® PRODUCTS.**

Under the 30-Day Satisfaction Guarantee, the original purchaser of products covered under this guarantee will have up to 30 days from the date of installation to contact your Mohawk retailer to exchange your carpet for a different style or color of equal or lesser value. You may also choose to pay the difference to exchange for an upgraded product. No compensation will be paid if a lower-priced carpet is selected. This one-time-only replacement does not include replacement of cushion or the cost of labor to remove previous carpet, install the new carpet, move furniture, construct permanent built-ins such as cabinets and bookcases, or move or install equipment or electronics. No replacement will be made with respect to carpet that has been subjected to abuse, vandalism, or alteration or damaged by smoke, fire, flood, wind, lightning, or any other casualty event.

## **Warranties Other Than by Mohawk**

Other Mohawk products may carry additional warranties provided by the fiber and stain protection producers. These warranties take precedence over Mohawk warranties and should be submitted directly to the fiber and stain protection producers. Consult your dealer for specific warranty details and telephone numbers for warranty service.

# MOHAWK CUSHION WARRANTY ENHANCEMENTS

# LIFE OF CARPET CUSHION WARRANTY

When the original purchaser of any new Mohawk BarrierCushion, All Pet\* Cushion, or SmartCushion\* purchases any new Mohawk carpet\* at the same time, Mohawk will (1) enhance the Abrasive Wear warranties for the purchased carpet products as shown on the following chart; (2) make all the applicable carpet warranties transferable to new owners; and (3) only when original buyer purchases Mohawk SmartCushion with any new Mohawk carpet\*, enhance the Abrasive Wear coverage of the carpet purchased to include the stairs at purchaser's residence or at residence of new owner to whom warranties are transferred. All other terms and limitations of the applicable warranties will apply.

| QUALIFYING CUSHIONS                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>BarrierCushion</b><br>When purchased with Mohawk carpet               |
| <b>All Pet Cushion</b><br>When purchased with Mohawk carpet              |
| <b>SmartCushion</b><br>When purchased with Mohawk carpet                 |
| ABRASIVE WEAR                                                            |
| <b>BarrierCushion</b><br>Add 5 years to current warranty                 |
| <b>All Pet Cushion</b><br>Add 10 years to current warranty               |
| <b>SmartCushion</b><br>Add 20 years to current warranty                  |
| TRANSFERABLE                                                             |
| <b>BarrierCushion</b><br>YES                                             |
| <b>All Pet Cushion</b><br>YES                                            |
| <b>SmartCushion</b><br>YES                                               |
| STAIRS                                                                   |
| <b>BarrierCushion</b><br>NO                                              |
| <b>All Pet Cushion</b><br>NO                                             |
| <b>SmartCushion</b><br>Abrasive Wear warranty expanded to include stairs |

## Life of Carpet Cushion Warranty

Mohawk's Life of Carpet Limited Warranty assures the original consumer that this carpet cushion is free from manufacturing and material defects and will remain resilient in wall-to-wall residential installations for the life of the carpet under which it was originally installed.

### Details

Mohawk offers a Life of Carpet Limited Warranty on its carpet cushion to the original retail consumer who buys the cushion from an authorized Mohawk dealer. This warranty is only valid for properly installed indoor wall-to-wall installations in the consumer's owner-occupied, single-family residence in the contiguous United States, Alaska, and Hawaii.

- Mohawk warrants that the carpet cushion is free from manufacturing and material defects and will remain resilient in indoor wall-to-wall installations for the lifetime of the carpet under which it was originally installed. Lifetime of the carpet is determined by the carpet's manufacturer. If the carpet cushion loses its resilience during such lifetime, Mohawk will replace the affected area with a carpet cushion of equal value at Mohawk's cost.

### Conditions

This warranty is void if the consumer fails to comply with the carpet manufacturer's recommended carpet care and cleaning procedures. The warranty is not transferable to future owners of the original retail consumer's home. Proof of purchase is required to determine eligibility for this warranty.

- The warranty does not cover carpet cushion installed in commercial or business settings, daycare facilities, multifamily and/or rental properties. Additionally, carpet cushion installed on stairs and stairways is not included in this warranty.
- Mohawk's Life of Carpet Limited Warranty is offered in lieu of any other express guarantees, warranties, liabilities or obligations on the part of Mohawk, and all such other warranties are expressly disclaimed.

\*To ensure you are using the proper cushion for your carpet, please refer to the Mohawk General Warranty Conditions and Homeowner Obligations, #4, on pages 1 and 2 in the front of this brochure.

# PRORATION OF WARRANTIES

The following proration schedule applies to all Mohawk products with the exception of those with non-prorated warranties.

## Lifetime Warranty

|           |      |           |     |
|-----------|------|-----------|-----|
| 1st Year  | 100% | 11th Year | 80% |
| 2nd Year  | 100% | 12th Year | 70% |
| 3rd Year  | 100% | 13th Year | 60% |
| 4th Year  | 100% | 14th Year | 50% |
| 5th Year  | 100% | 15th Year | 40% |
| 6th Year  | 100% | 16th Year | 30% |
| 7th Year  | 100% | 17th Year | 25% |
| 8th Year  | 90%  | 18th Year | 20% |
| 9th Year  | 90%  | 19th Year | 15% |
| 10th Year | 90%  | 20+ Years | 10% |

## 20-Year Warranty

|           |      |            |     |
|-----------|------|------------|-----|
| 1st Year  | 100% | 11th Year  | 80% |
| 2nd Year  | 100% | 12th Year  | 70% |
| 3rd Year  | 100% | 13th Year  | 60% |
| 4th Year  | 100% | 14th Year  | 50% |
| 5th Year  | 100% | 15th Year  | 40% |
| 6th Year  | 100% | 16th Year  | 30% |
| 7th Year  | 100% | 17th Year  | 25% |
| 8th Year  | 90%  | 18th Year  | 20% |
| 9th Year  | 90%  | 19th Year  | 15% |
| 10th Year | 90%  | 20th Years | 10% |

## 15-Year Warranty

|          |      |           |     |
|----------|------|-----------|-----|
| 1st Year | 100% | 9th Year  | 90% |
| 2nd Year | 100% | 10th Year | 90% |
| 3rd Year | 100% | 11th Year | 80% |
| 4th Year | 100% | 12th Year | 60% |
| 5th Year | 100% | 13th Year | 40% |
| 6th Year | 100% | 14th Year | 20% |
| 7th Year | 100% | 15th Year | 10% |
| 8th Year | 100% |           |     |

## 10-Year Warranty

|          |      |           |     |
|----------|------|-----------|-----|
| 1st Year | 100% | 6th Year  | 90% |
| 2nd Year | 100% | 7th Year  | 80% |
| 3rd Year | 100% | 8th Year  | 70% |
| 4th Year | 100% | 9th Year  | 60% |
| 5th Year | 100% | 10th Year | 50% |

## 5-Year Warranty

|          |      |
|----------|------|
| 1st Year | 100% |
| 2nd Year | 100% |
| 3rd Year | 50%  |
| 4th Year | 30%  |
| 5th Year | 10%  |

# EXCLUSIONS

## Carpet Warranty and Carpet Characteristic Exclusions

UNLESS THE WARRANTY FOR YOUR MOHAWK PRODUCT LISTED IN THIS WARRANTY BROCHURE SPECIFICALLY AND EXPRESSLY COVERS ANY ITEM LISTED BELOW, ALL MOHAWK WARRANTIES EXPRESSLY EXCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

### Accidents, Abuse, or Abnormal Wear

These Mohawk warranties do not cover water damage from plumbing or appliance failure, storms, or flooding; or damage incurred by or resulting from accidents or abuse such as staining, soiling, burning, or cutting; or damage (other than specific coverage for domestic dog or cat urine stains) caused by pets.

### Area Rugs

No coverage is provided under these Mohawk warranties for area rugs, with the exception of Mohawk's Custom Rug program. See page 8.

### Carpet on Stairs or in High-Traffic Areas, Bathrooms, or Kitchens

These Mohawk warranties do not cover damage to or appearance changes on carpet installed on stairs, in bathrooms or kitchens, in high-traffic areas or areas subject to traffic other than ordinary shoes, or outdoors.

### Carpet Stains Resulting From Commercial Use

These Mohawk warranties do not cover any carpet stains incurred by or resulting from commercial use (such as contracted services, in-home businesses, etc.).

### Carpet Wear or Routine Maintenance

These Mohawk warranties do not cover normal carpet wear, routine cleaning, and/or regular maintenance.

### Changes in Appearance

All carpets will change in appearance over time, primarily due to foot traffic. Carpet in heavy traffic areas will exhibit the most change. A good quality cushion will help extend the carpet's appearance. Over time and with use, the tips of the tufts in cut-pile carpets will lose some twist, causing the carpet to bloom. This is a normal characteristic of carpet and is not considered a manufacturing defect.

### Crushing

Crushing is the compaction of the pile thickness due to foot traffic or furniture. Regular use of a vacuum with a beater bar in high-traffic areas may help reduce changes in carpet's appearance. See C) Regular Vacuuming in the Carpet Care And Guidelines section of this brochure for additional information and vacuuming recommendations.

### Defects, Conditional

These Mohawk warranties do not cover defects of conditions covered by other warranties.

### Defects, Visible Upon Installation

Once the carpet is installed, no warranty coverage will be provided for defects in the carpet which were clearly visible and should have been discovered prior to or during installation.

### Differences in Samples

These Mohawk warranties do not cover minor and normal differences between the color and texture of the retail store sample and the true color and texture of the actual carpet.

### Fading, Color Changes, or Color Loss

These Mohawk warranties do not cover sudden changes in carpet color resulting from external causes (other than those specifically mentioned in this warranty brochure) such as fading due to sunlight, or spills of household chemicals and other non-food and non-beverage substances, or gradual fading over time from emissions from heating fuels, pesticides, cleaning agents, benzoyl peroxide, or other household items. Care should be taken when using these items.

### Filtration Soiling

Dust, dirt, pollen, cooking vapors, and other airborne pollutants may appear as dark lines along walls, vents, and doorways. This is usually due to an imbalanced ventilation system that is incapable of removing the volume of air entering the room. The excess air escapes through gaps between floors, walls, and doorways. Professional cleaning may remove discoloration in affected areas, but the condition will usually return unless ventilation problems are corrected. Carpet of any quality will perform the same if subjected to filtration inefficiencies.

### Footprints

Cut pile carpets will show footprints and vacuum cleaner marks. This is characteristic of carpet and is not considered a manufacturing defect. Selecting a carpet with a lower pile height and denser construction will help to minimize this effect.

### Geographic Locale

This warranty only applies to North America. See your local sales rep if sold outside of the United States.

### Improper Cleaning and Maintenance or Inadequate Care

These Mohawk warranties do not cover damage to your carpet caused by improper cleaning, improper maintenance or cleaning materials, or inadequate care. Your Mohawk carpet requires routine cleaning and maintenance. Maintenance requirements and recommendations are listed in this brochure under "Carpet Care and Guidelines." All cleaning receipts should be retained.

### Improper Installation

These Mohawk warranties do not cover damage to your carpet caused by improper installation. Examples include, but are not limited to, wrinkling due to insufficient stretch, loss of tufts due to improper seam sealing, and seam peaking. The Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI) Carpet Installation Standards conform to proper installation procedures and must be followed. The International Floor Covering Installers Association (1-816-231-4646) maintains a directory of qualified carpet installers.

### Inadequate Cushion

These Mohawk warranties do not cover damage to your carpet caused by inadequate cushion.

**Indentations**

Furniture or other heavy objects can cause indentations in your carpet. Furniture coasters will help distribute the weight of heavy objects over a larger area. Brushing the affected carpet area with your fingertips will usually restore the crushed tufts to their original position. This is not considered a manufacturing defect.

**Matting**

Entanglement of fibers and tufts of yarn tips may be caused by a cushion failure; usually it is due to improper maintenance. Residue from a spill that was not cleaned up thoroughly or cleaning residue that was not rinsed completely will lead to matting.

**Odors**

These Mohawk warranties do not cover carpet odors.

**Outdoor Installation**

These Mohawk warranties do not cover carpet installed outdoors. All carpets manufactured by Mohawk are intended solely for use as indoor floor coverings and are not recommended for any other purpose.

**Pad Failure**

These Mohawk warranties do not cover defects or damages caused by failure of the carpet pad. Deterioration of the padding can cause problems with your carpet. Please see the pad manufacturer's warranty statement for more information.

**Problems with Moisture**

These Mohawk warranties do not cover problems caused by wetting or persistence of excessive moisture. For immediate assistance, contact a certified water damage restorations specialist. The Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (1-800-835-4624) maintains a registry of trained, certified specialists.

**Products Other Than First Quality**

These Mohawk warranties apply to first quality products only and are not applicable to carpet sold as second quality, irregular, used, or mill end.

**Residences Other Than Owner-Occupied, Single-Family**

These Mohawk warranties apply only to carpet for owner-occupied, single-family, indoor residential installations and do not cover carpet installed in any commercial or business places, daycare facilities, and/or multifamily and rental properties.

**Shading**

Shading is a change in pile direction that results in an apparent change in color due to the light reflecting in different ways. Solid color cut pile carpets will exhibit this more often than textured or patterned carpets. This is normal. Severe cases of shading are also known as pooling or watermarking and can result in permanent pile reversal after installation. No cause for this is known, and it is usually confined only to certain areas of an installation. Pooling or watermarking is not considered a manufacturing defect.

**Shedding**

Shedding is a normal characteristic of cut-pile carpets. It is more apparent in staple products than continuous filament products. Regular vacuuming using a vacuum cleaner with a beater bar will remove most of the loose fibers during the first year. See

C) Regular Vacuuming in the Carpet Care and Guidelines section of this brochure for additional information and vacuuming recommendations.

**Stain Reappearance (Wicking)**

These Mohawk warranties do not cover reappearance of previously cleaned stains. If warranty conditions set forth in this brochure are met, stains that are saturated and result in wicking will release with additional recleaning.

**Transferability**

Some warranties will be transferable depending on fiber type. Please reference the warranty grid foldout for details.

**Wrinkling or Buckling**

Wrinkling may occur after installation and can be caused by excessive humidity, inadequate cushion, or failure to use the recommended installation procedures found in the CRI Carpet Installation Standards, especially relative to power stretching. A competent installer can usually correct this problem.

**Yellowing**

Yellowing can have many causes, such as BHT (butylated hydroxytoluene) off-gassing from rebond pad, yarn lubricants, over-application of stain-resistant treatments, changes in alkalinity, cleaning solutions, general soiling, and fume fading.

White vinegar applied to a clean white towel and held on the carpet will indicate if yellowing can be removed. If this works, a 10% solution of citric acid applied by a professional cleaner will usually remove yellowing. Yellowing is characteristic of carpet and not considered a manufacturing defect.

# MOHAWK LIMITED LIABILITY

# CARPET CARE AND GUIDELINES

## Limitations, Exclusions, and Disclaimers

This warranty document applies only to the original owner and the first installation of the product and is nontransferable, unless otherwise stated in the carpet warranty brochure. The "original owner" is either the party stated on the face of the proof of purchase document(s) or, if purchased by a contractor, then the original end-consumer.

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO RETAIN YOUR PROOF OF PURCHASE. PRESENTATION OF SUCH PROOF OF PURCHASE IS REQUIRED FOR ANY WARRANTY CLAIM. MOHAWK MAY REJECT ANY CLAIM WITHOUT PROPER PROOF OF PURCHASE THAT INCLUDES THE DATE OF PURCHASE AND AMOUNTS PAID. IF PROFESSIONAL CLEANING IS REQUIRED AS PART OF A PARTICULAR WARRANTY, PROOF OF PROFESSIONAL CLEANING MAY BE REQUIRED FOR ANY WARRANTY CLAIM AS WELL. DETERMINATION OF WARRANTY COVERAGE TO A PARTICULAR CLAIM IS IN MOHAWK'S SOLE DISCRETION.**

Only hidden defects (those not reasonably visible before or during the installation of the product) are subject to this carpet warranty brochure. No warranty is offered nor is any obligation owed for defects or issues visible before or during installation. Please be sure to read this entire carpet warranty brochure, including the limitations contained herein and any care instructions referenced.

If a defect is found and confirmed to be within the scope of the warranty, Mohawk will, at its option and as its sole liability, repair or replace the impacted portion of the product at issue. If that particular product is unavailable or discontinued, Mohawk reserves the right to provide similar Mohawk material that is currently being made. It may be necessary to engage a certified inspector to determine the cause of a particular defect. Mohawk determines if such engagement is necessary. The conclusion of such an inspector shall be considered determinative and final.

To fulfill this warranty, Mohawk may arrange a credit to your retailer, dealer, or distributor equal to the replacement amount owed pursuant to this warranty. The credit applies only toward the purchase of new Mohawk product. Mohawk has no obligation to offer cash or other compensation. Remedies may be subject to proration based on any proration schedule(s) included in this carpet warranty brochure. Please note that different applications may have different proration schedules and/or warranty durations.

Except expressly stated in this warranty brochure, no other form of compensation, beyond replacement of product subject to the terms of these limited warranties, is owed and is thereby disclaimed. The remedy contained herein is the sole and exclusive remedy for any and all product claims.

**EXCEPT THOSE STATED IN THIS WARRANTY BROCHURE, MOHAWK MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED. EXCEPT WHERE PROHIBITED BY LAW, ALL OTHER WARRANTIES — INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE — ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED AND THEREBY EXCLUDED. NO WARRANTIES, EXPRESS, IMPLIED, STATUTORY, OR OTHERWISE, EXTEND BEYOND THOSE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH IN THIS WARRANTY BROCHURE. CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL, AND INDIRECT DAMAGES ARE EXPRESSLY EXCLUDED AND ARE HEREBY DISCLAIMED.**

To the extent allowed by law, Mohawk's entire liability and the exclusive remedy is contained in this carpet warranty brochure. Mohawk's total and complete liability under these limited warranties is limited to the actual cost of repair or replacement of only the affected area of the product measured to the nearest wall, doorway, or entrance. Mohawk reserves the right to correct any defect prior to the carpet being removed, replaced, or any settlement being offered.

## Carpet Care and Cleaning

### A) Selection

- When selecting carpet color, you should view large carpet samples by daylight during the day and by lamplight in the evening in the area of installation. The color you choose will look different under different lighting conditions.
- Light colored carpets will show more soil and require more maintenance than dark colored carpets. Darker colors of carpeting are more effective in high-traffic areas. Multicolored and patterned carpets are especially effective in hiding soil.
- The performance and quality of a carpet is directly related to the amount and quality of fiber that goes into the pile. The better the fiber and the denser it is packed, the better the carpet's performance. Thin, less-dense carpet will lose its surface appearance faster. Mohawk recommends buying the highest quality carpet you can afford.

### B) Stain Removal

Most household spills can be easily removed using the steps below. Treatment of the affected area should begin immediately upon discovery as stain removal becomes more difficult with time. To start, locate your stain on the Common Stains Chart and follow these steps:

- First, use a spoon, dull knife, or a carpet cleaning key to remove as much solid material as possible.
- Always work from the outside of stain to the center to prevent spreading, especially with large stains.
- Blot up liquid spills with a white towel or paper towel.
- For best results, try to remove the remaining stain with warm water.

# STAIN REMOVAL PROCEDURES

# COMMON STAINS

## Procedure A

### FOR WATER-BASED, SPECIAL WATER-BASED, AND GREASY, OIL-BASED STAINS)

- Mix a solution of ¼ teaspoon of clear hand dishwashing detergent with 1 cup of water. Stir gently.
- Apply detergent solution directly to a white cloth. Dampen the carpet fibers in the stained area with the cloth. Avoid saturating the carpet.
- Wipe gently. Turn cloth frequently.
- Never rub, scrub, or use a brush. This may damage carpet fibers. If necessary, use your fingertips to work the solution to the base of the stain. Do not oversaturate carpet; use small amounts of solution and blot frequently.
- Wet the stained carpet fibers with clear, lukewarm water to rinse.
- Cover the spot with an absorbent white towel or paper towel and apply pressure to blot.
- Repeat the rinsing and blotting procedures until you are sure all traces of the detergent have been removed.
- If the stain is gone, place an absorbent white towel or paper towel over the area cleaned, and weigh towels down with a heavy colorfast object, such as a weighted plastic wastebasket.
- Change towels or paper towels until carpet dries.
- If stain remains, perform Procedure B. For coffee, tea or urine, skip Procedure B and perform Procedure C.

## Procedure B

### (DO NOT USE ON COFFEE, TEA, OR URINE STAINS)

- Mix 2 tablespoons of non-bleaching, non-sudsing household ammonia with 1 cup of lukewarm water.
- Apply ammonia solution, rinse, and blot as outlined in Procedure A.
- Do not dry with paper towels. Follow Procedure C to neutralize the ammonia solution.

## Procedure C

- Mix ½ cup of white vinegar with 1 cup of lukewarm water.
- Apply vinegar solution, rinse, and blot as outlined in Procedure A.

## Most Common Water-Based Stains

For these stains, start with **Procedure A**. If stain remains, complete **Procedures B** and **C**.

|                                |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Alcohol                        | Grape juice  |
| Baby formula                   | Graphite     |
| Beer                           | Ice cream    |
| Blood                          | Jelly        |
| Candy                          | Ketchup      |
| Chocolate milk                 | Latex paint  |
| Clay                           | Liquor       |
| Cola                           | Milk         |
| Cologne                        | Soft drinks  |
| Cranberry juice                | Soil spots   |
| Feces                          | Syrup        |
| Felt-tip marker                | Tomato juice |
| Food stains (general)          | Vomit        |
| Fruit juice                    | Watercolors  |
| Fruit punch                    | Watermelon   |
| Furniture polish (water-based) | Whiskey      |
|                                | Wine         |

## Special Water-Based Stains

For these stains, start with **Procedure A**. If stain remains, complete **Procedure C**. Omit **Procedure B**.

Coffee  
Tea  
Urine

## Greasy, Oil-Based Stains

For these stains, use Goo Gone®. Follow directions on package, then complete **Procedures A, B** and **C**.

|                              |                |
|------------------------------|----------------|
| Butter                       | Lipstick       |
| Chocolate                    | Margarine      |
| Cooking oil                  | Mascara        |
| Cosmetics                    | Mayonnaise     |
| Crayon                       | Nail polish    |
| Furniture dye                | Oil            |
| Furniture polish (oil-based) | Oil paint      |
| Glue*                        | Ointment       |
| Gravy                        | Peanut butter  |
| Grease (black)               | Rouge          |
| Gum*                         | Salad dressing |
| Hand cream                   | Spaghetti      |
| Ink                          | Varnish        |
|                              | Wax*           |

\*Freeze and remove solid materials before using cleaning fluid.

Important: Do not use any cleaner with a pH of 10 or higher. Before using, always test cleaners on a small, non-visible area for any discoloration of the pile.

Abnormally large or excessive stains may require hot water extraction method. Professional cleaning is recommended. If stain returns — a condition known as “wicking” — simply repeat stain removal procedures, paying special attention to blotting and removal of all moisture.

# DILUTED-BLEACH CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS FOR SOLUTION-DYED CARPETS

## CARPET CARE AND GUIDELINES (CONT.)

### Diluted-Bleach Cleaning Instructions for Solution-Dyed Carpets

For carpets with a bleach cleanability warranty only.

Follow these steps carefully:

#### 1. PREPARE A DILUTED-BLEACH SOLUTION

- Mix 1 part household bleach (5%–6% sodium hypochlorite) with 20 parts water (for example, 1/2 cup bleach per 10 cups water).
- Use fresh bleach solution.
- Label solution clearly for safety.

#### 2. TEST IN AN INCONSPICUOUS AREA

- Always perform a small spot test in a hidden location to ensure color stability before full application.
- Wait 5 minutes to observe any color changes.

#### 3. APPLY THE SOLUTION GENTLY

- Dampen a clean white cloth with the solution.
- DO NOT soak the carpet (may damage fiber or backing).
- Blot lightly — avoid scrubbing or over-wetting.

#### 4. ALLOW SHORT DWELL TIME

- Let solution sit for 1–2 minutes maximum.
- Do not allow solution to dry on carpet.

#### 5. RINSE THOROUGHLY

- Blot area with clean white cloth dampened with plain water.
- Use clean water to thoroughly remove all bleach residue.
- Avoid over-wetting — excessive moisture can harm backing.

#### 6. BLOT DRY AND VENTILATE

- Press with a dry white towel or paper towel until mostly dry.
- Ensure good air circulation.
- Allow 12–24 hours for complete drying.

**WARNING:** This cleaning method is **ONLY** for Solution-Dyed PET carpets with a bleach cleanability warranty. Using bleach on other carpet types will void the warranty. The solution-dyeing process ensures color penetrates the entire fiber, not just the surface, providing maximum resistance to bleach, fading, and household chemicals.

### C) Regular Vacuuming

Most dirt, and even dust, takes the form of hard, dry particles, which can be removed with a vacuum cleaner. When left in the carpet, these gritty, sharp particles abrade the pile of the carpet. Regular vacuuming literally extends your carpet's life as well as enhancing its appearance, so the type of vacuum cleaner you use is important.

A vacuum's performance will vary based on the carpet's fiber type and construction. A good vacuum typically has features that allow you to adjust the height, beater bar rotation, and fan speed. Vacuums

with large wheels, self-propelled vacuums, and/or specialty tools can also help ensure easy and effective carpet maintenance.

### Features

Adjustable height is the most important vacuum feature because this enables the machine to be used on a wide variety of carpet constructions. If your vacuum is set too high above the carpet surface, the vacuum can't attract the gritty soil below. If the setting is too low, the vacuum's beater bar or brushes can "fuzz" the carpet's surface, causing it to look worn and frayed.

When vacuuming high pile, wool, wool-blend, and premium soft carpets, look for the following features that will allow you to easily maintain your carpet:

- **Adjustable Height**

Use the highest setting where appropriate.

- **Efficient Airflow**

Avoid vacuums with very concentrated or sealed suction.

- **Large Wheels**

Vacuum should glide easily across the carpet.

When vacuuming thick loop, casual frieze, or long pile carpets such as shag, you may need to completely disengage the beater bar and vacuum with suction only. For all other carpet constructions, use a vacuum with a rotating brush or beater bar. Change the bags often and check the beater bars for burs and gouges to prevent damage to the surface of the carpet.

### D) Cleaning Recommendations

Vacuum high-traffic areas daily, medium- to high-traffic areas twice weekly, and the entire house at least once a week.

- Even with regular vacuuming, soil particles and oily dirt will cling to carpet fibers. Foot traffic drives these particles and dirt deep into the carpet. Mohawk requires professional hot water extraction every 18 months. Periodic cleaning by a certified carpet-care professional using the hot water extraction method will refresh carpet appearance.
- The most-used areas — entrances, doorways, traffic lanes, and in front of chairs — will collect dirt faster than other areas. Clean these areas as soon as they begin to show soil. This will stop dirt from spreading and will extend the time between professional cleanings.

## SPECIAL CARE & CLEANING FOR CARPET WITH PUR-EASE™ ALLERGEN CONTROL TECHNOLOGY

We hope you enjoy the peace of mind that comes with taking control of common household allergens and proactively reducing dust mite allergen, pet dander, and pollen from your Mohawk carpet treated with Pur-Ease™ allergen control technology. Carpet treated with Pur-Ease is scientifically proven to reduce allergens in a meaningful way, and it's the first treated carpet to be **Asthma & Allergy Friendly**\* certified. Allergens in the treated carpet are reduced over time with regular cleaning and vacuuming.\*

To protect the allergen control probiotic technology and the long-term benefits of allergen reduction, we have special carpet care and cleaning instructions that should be followed.

### Professional Cleaning (Hot Water Extraction)

These restrictions must be communicated and confirmed with the certified carpet-care professional.

### Cleaning Agent Specification:

- Required: pH-neutral surfactants (Target pH range: 7.0 – 8.0)
- Concentration: Cleaning agent concentration must adhere to the certified carpet-care professional's lowest effective dilution ratio.
- Restrictions: Avoid any cleaning solutions containing biocidal agents (disinfectants, sanitizers, antimicrobial or antibacterial additives), oxidizing agents (peroxide, OXY agents), strong acids, or strong alkalis that negatively impact the probiotic technology.

## Critical Chemical Restrictions — DO NOT USE

### Biocidal Agents:

- Any substance classified as an EPA-registered disinfectant or sanitizer (quaternary ammonium compounds, phenolics)
- Products containing antimicrobial or antibacterial additives

### Strong Oxidizers:

- Sodium Hypochlorite (bleach)
- Hydrogen Peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, OXY agents)

### pH Extremes:

- Solutions with a pH value ≤ 5.0 (strong acids)
- Solutions with a pH value ≥ 10.0 (strong alkalis)

### Solvents:

- Chlorinated (perchloroethylene, butoxyethanol)
- Oxygenated (acetone, ethyl acetate)
- Short chain alcohols (isopropyl alcohol, ethanol, methanol, denatured alcohol)

## FILING A CLAIM

If you have any questions regarding your product warranty, you may visit our website at [www.mohawkflooring.com/customer-care](http://www.mohawkflooring.com/customer-care). Additionally, you may contact **Technical Services at 888-387-9881** or [product\\_tech@mohawkind.com](mailto:product_tech@mohawkind.com).

### FILING A CLAIM

You should first determine your carpet's fiber type.

Carpet retailers can provide specific details about the products they sell. If you are not sure of your carpet's fiber type and manufacturer, please call the retailer from whom you purchased your carpet.

Notify your retailer in writing. Be sure to describe the specific problem and to include a copy of your invoice. Your retailer will take appropriate action, including notifying Mohawk, if necessary.

If your retailer is no longer available, please send the information regarding your claim to:

**Mohawk**

**Attention: Consumer Affairs**

**P.O. Box 12069**

**Calhoun, GA 30701**

\***Asthma & Allergy Friendly**® certification testing showed continued reduction of dust mite allergen, pet dander, and pollen at varying levels with regular vacuuming and maintenance.

\*\*Probiotic strains originally found in nature; applies to carpet only. Results may vary.

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