

Textile floor coverings - Guidelines for acceptable
colour deviations

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1 Scope

This document gives guidance in case of complaints when a colour deviation is observed after installation of a textile floor covering by the installer and/or end user.

The colour deviation can be observed within different parts of the installation or between the installed textile floor covering and the initially presented sample on which the choice for ordering was made.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

CEN/TS 14472-2, *Resilient, textile and laminate floor coverings — Design, preparation and installation — Part 2: Textile floor coverings*

EN 20105-A02, *Textiles — Tests for colour fastness — Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour (ISO 105-A02)*

ISO 2424, *Textile floor coverings — Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 2424 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

4 General information on colour deviation and initial requirements

4.1 Carpet manufacturing

During the manufacturing of textile floor coverings (carpets), it is not always possible to maintain equal colour nuances. Slight differences in colour can occur due to different dyeing methods, visual colour assessment, changes in manufacturing processes, different dates of completion, subsequent deliveries, etc.

4.2 Installation

Textile floor coverings are intended to be installed according to the general installation guideline CEN/TS 14472-2 and to the manufacturer's installation manual.

It is recommended to install in one and the same room textile floor covering of the same production batch. The requirement for colour uniformity is restricted to the installation of the entire floor covering in one room and basically ends at the doors, unless otherwise agreed. For larger projects, it is recommended to agree on an installation plan with the manufacturer, so that the total amount can be subdivided into smaller, colour-equal production batches or a combination of colour-equal production batches.

The installer shall check the colour uniformity of the textile floor covering at the moment of installation.

When installing different sheets or carpet tiles in one room, the colour uniformity is only relevant when the pile direction for all parts is in the same direction, linear to each other. A different pile direction can cause a different colour impression.