



## **Carpet Cushion General Installation Guidelines**

### **Residential Stretch-in Installation**

- Clean the area of dust, dirt and debris.
- Roll out the cushion using the longest continuous lengths possible. Small pieces may shift during installation. Bonded cushion should be laid with the smooth (scrim) side up. If the product contains a moisture barrier, the barrier side should face up. Rubber cushion should have textured side face down.
- Lay the cushion perpendicular (at right angles) to the direction you plan to lay the carpet, with cushion seams at right angles to the carpet seams. If the cushion is to be laid parallel to the carpet, offset the seams by at least 6 inches.
- Trim the cushion to fit inside the contour of the tack strips with about a ¼ inch gap. This allows the carpet to be stretched and attached to the strips without interference from the cushion. Cushion pieces should not overlap.
- Secure the cushion to the subfloor using staples or non-flammable cushion adhesive around the perimeter of the room.
- Secure the seams with tape such as masking tape (duct tape is often used for fiber cushion). If the cushion contains a moisture barrier, be sure to use premium, moisture-resistant tape (non-paper based), one that has an aggressive adhesive to ensure bonding at the seams and to cover staples and any tears.