

<b>DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</b> <b>Housing - Federal Housing Commissioner</b>  <b>TO: DIRECTORS, SINGLE FAMILY HOCs</b> <b>DIRECTORS, MULTIFAMILY HUBs</b>	<b>Series and Series Number:</b> <b>MATERIALS RELEASE NO: 1343</b>
	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>  March 17, 2020
	<b>REVIEW DATE</b>  March 17, 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Product</b> Textured Loop Pile, Needled Broadloom Carpet Manufactured using Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) – Style: Foss Series</li> <li>2. <b>Name and address of Manufacturer</b> Foss Floors 4977 Highway 76 Chatsworth, GA 30705</li> </ol>	

Data on the nonstandard product described herein have been reviewed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and determination has been made that it is considered suitable from a technical standpoint for the use indicated herein. This Release does not purport to establish a comparative quality or value rating for this product as compared to standard products normally used in the same manner.

This Materials Release cannot be used as an indication of endorsement or approval by HUD of the described product, and any statement or representation, however made, indicating such approval or endorsement by HUD is unauthorized. See Code 18, U.S.C. 709.

Any reproduction of this Release must be in its entirety.

USE:

Moderate and heavy traffic in Single and Multi-Family Dwellings.

DESCRIPTION:

This carpet is a needled broadloom constructed with Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) fiber.

REQUIREMENTS:

**Table 1  
Minimum Carpet Requirements and Test Methods**

Characteristics	Value, Minimum	Test Method
Pile Thickness	≥0.125 inch	ASTM D 6859*
Pile Weight (oz/yd <sup>2</sup> )	Table 2	ASTM D 5848*
Density (oz/yd <sup>3</sup> )	Table 2	ASTM D 5848*
Dry Breaking Strength (Finished Carpet)	100 lb	ASTM D 2646*
Delamination Strength of secondary backing (lbf/in.)	2.5 lb/in of width	ASTM D 3936*
Colorfastness to light (Xenon arc)(Gray Scale Rating)	4 @ 40 AFU	AATCC 16 Method 3*
Croaking (Color Transference Chart)	4	AATCC 165**

\* Copies are available from the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P. O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959

\*\* Copies are available from American Association of Textile Chemist & Colorists (AATCC) P.O. Box 12215, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709

**Table 2  
Minimum Weight and Density Requirements**

Texture		Carpet Material	
		PET	
		Weight	Density
A	Textured Loop	≥20.0 ozs./yd <sup>2</sup>	≥1000 oz/yd <sup>3</sup>

CERTIFICATION AND LABELING:

This certification program shall be in accordance with UM 44d, HUD Building Product Standards and Certification Program for Carpet, except as modified by the provision of this Materials Release (MR) and will be administered by MEA Certification, Inc., which is qualified under the Administrator Qualifications and Procedures for HUD Building Product Certification Programs, 24 CFR 200.935.

1. MEA Certification, Inc. shall issue to the carpet manufacturer a label, stamp, or mark containing the Administrator's validation mark, the manufacturer's statement of conformance to this MR, the manufacturer's name, and the code identifying the manufacturing plant location.

2. The certification label, stamp, or mark shall be applied to each carpet at least every six (6) feet, and not less than one (1) foot from the edge of the carpet.
3. Every six (6) months, three (3) production samples of each carpet from each of the facilities listed below and one (1) annual field sample of each carpet from the market (i.e., distributor or dealer) shall be collected by the Administrator for testing in a laboratory accredited by the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce.
4. The Administrator shall also visit each of the production facilities and review the manufacturer's quality assurance procedures, Quality Control Manual (QCM), in line testing, record keeping, and corrective actions every six (6) months to assure that the manufacturer is following them. Records of such visits shall be made available in each production facility and in MEA Certifications' headquarters.
5. If changes are made to the products covered by this MR, the approved third-party certification company shall notify HUD of these changes and suggest whether to keep/maintain, revise, or suspend this MR within 30 days.

MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

The product covered under this MR will be produced at the following plants:

Foss Floors  
4977 Highway 76  
Chatsworth, GA 30705

The contact person for all matters concerning this MR or issues regarding FHA certification at Foss Floors shall be:

Lee Hudson  
Sales Manager  
243 Huffacker Road  
Rome, GA 30165  
PH: 423-823-0498  
Email: [LHudson@FossFloors.com](mailto:LHudson@FossFloors.com)

WARRANTY:

Foss Floors warrants this carpet against defects in materials, poor performance or poor workmanship under normal use for 10 years from the date of installation.

The manufacturer's warranty does not, in any way, relieve the builder of responsibility under the terms of the Builder's Warranty required by the National Housing Act or under any provisions applicable to any other housing program. A copy of the manufacturer's warranty shall be furnished by the builder to the owner upon completion of the installation.

MANUFACTURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

Issuance of this MR commits the manufacturer to fulfill, at a minimum, the following:

1. Produce, label and certify the material, product or system in strict accordance with the terms of this MR.
2. Provide necessary corrective action in a timely manner for all cases of justified complaint, poor performance or failure reported by HUD.
3. When requested, provide the Office of Manufactured Housing Programs, HUD Headquarters with a representative list of properties in which the material, product or system has been used, including complete addresses or descriptions of locations, and dates of installation.
4. Inform HUD in advance of changes in certification agency, production facilities, methods, design of the product, company name, ownership or mailing address.
5. If significant changes are made to the product that would by definition revise the previously recognized facts, HUD and MEA will be informed within 30 days of formal implantations of these significant changes.
6. Records of MEA Certifications' audits visits report, and all tests results shall be made available in each production facility.

EVALUATION:

This Materials Release shall be valid for a period of three years from the date of initial issuance or most recent renewal or revision, whichever is later. The holder of this Materials Release shall apply for renewal or revision 90 days prior to the Review Date printed on this Materials Release. Submittals for renewal or revision shall be sent to:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Manufactured Housing Programs  
451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 9170  
Washington, DC 20410-8000

Appropriate user fee(s) for the TSP program can be submitted through the Pay.gov website at <https://pay.gov/public/form/start/73881741>.

The holder of this Materials Release may apply for revision at any time prior to the Review Date. Minor revisions may be in the form of a supplement to the Materials Release.

If the Department determines that a proposed renewal or supplement constitutes a revision, the appropriate user fee for a revision will need to be submitted in accordance with 24 CFR § 200.934 User fee system for the technical suitability of products program, and the current user fee schedule.

CANCELLATION:

Failure to apply for a renewal or revision shall constitute a basis for cancellation of the Materials Release. HUD will notify the manufacturer that the Materials Release may be canceled when:

1. Conditions under which the document was issued have changed so as to affect production of, or to compromise the integrity of the accepted material, product, or system;
2. The manufacturer has changed its organizational form without notifying HUD; or,
3. The manufacturer has not complied with responsibilities it assumed as a condition of HUD's acceptance.

However, before cancellation, HUD will give the manufacturer a written notice of the specific reasons for cancellation, and the opportunity to present views on why the Materials Release should not be canceled. No refund of fees will be made on a canceled document.

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This Materials Release is issued solely for the captioned firm and is not transferable to any person or successor entity.

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