

<p align="center"><b>DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT</b> Housing - Federal Housing Commissioner</p> <p><b>TO: DIRECTORS, SINGLE FAMILY HOCs</b> <b>DIRECTORS, MULTIFAMILY HUBs</b></p>	<p><b>Series and Series Number:</b> <b>MATERIALS RELEASE NO: 1326a</b> (Supersedes issue dated October 18, 2007)</p>								
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	<p><b>REVIEW DATE</b></p> <p>May 1, 2018</p>								
<p><b>SUBJECT: 1. Product</b> Breve DN236 Nylon Filament Tufted Broadloom Carpet</p> <p><b>2. Name and address of Manufacturer</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Lees Carpets</td> <td>Lees Carpet</td> </tr> <tr> <td>a division of Mohawk Industries</td> <td>a division of Mohawk Industries</td> </tr> <tr> <td>160 South Industrial Blvd.</td> <td>404 Anderson Street</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Calhoun, GA 30701</td> <td>Glasgow, VA 24555</td> </tr> </table>		Lees Carpets	Lees Carpet	a division of Mohawk Industries	a division of Mohawk Industries	160 South Industrial Blvd.	404 Anderson Street	Calhoun, GA 30701	Glasgow, VA 24555
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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.

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USE: Indoor, moderate and heavy traffic use for Single Family and Multi-Family Dwelling Units and Housing for Elderly and Care-Type Housing.

DESCRIPTION:

This carpet, Breve DN236, is a nylon tufted broadloom.

REQUIREMENTS:

The carpet shall be in accordance with the latest edition of Use of Materials Bulletin (UM) No. 44d for Types I and II (Class 1 and 2) Texture B Multilevel except that the minimum pile weight shall be 20 oz./yd<sup>2</sup>. The carpet shall be tested in accordance with Table 1. Tests or determinations are not required for all colors unless it appears that such colors or dyeing techniques could unfavorably affect the carpet.

The carpet shall have a minimum rating of 3.0 when tested in accordance with the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI), Test Method 100, "Creating Surface Appearance Changes in Carpet by Foot Traffic," and evaluated by CRI Standard 101 "Assessment of Surface Appearance Change Using the CRI Reference Scale."

Table 1  
Minimum Carpet Requirements and Test Methods

Characteristics	Value, Minimum	Test Method
Pile Weight (oz/yd <sup>2</sup> )	20	ASTM D 5848*
Density (oz/yd <sup>3</sup> )	3300	ASTM D 5848*
Tuft Bind (lbf)	6.25 for loop pile	ASTM D 1335*
Dry Breaking Strength (Finished Carpet)	100 lb	ASTM D 2646*
Delamination Strength of secondary backing (lbf/in.)	2.5 lb/in.	ASTM D 3936*
Colorfastness to light (Xenon arc)(Gray Scale Rating)	4 @ 40 AFU	AATCC 16E**
Crocking (Color Transference Chart)	4	AATCC 165**

\* Copies are available from 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

Installation shall comply with the manufacturers' minimum requirements.

**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, manufacturer's statement of conformance to this MR including the evaluation report number MR 1326, Mohawk Industries, Inc., and the manufacturer's name or 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 and one (1) annual field sample of carpet shall be submitted to 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 review the manufacturer's quality assurance procedures every six (6) months to assure that they are being followed by the manufacturer.

MANUFACTURING PLANTS:

The product shall be manufactured in the following location:

Mohawk Industries, Inc.  
Lees Carpets Division  
404 Anderson Street  
Glasgow, VA 24555

The contact person for all matters concerning this Materials Release or issues regarding FHA certification at Lees Carpet shall be:

John Hughes  
Senior Manager – Corporate Analytical/Physical Lab  
PH: 706-934-3341 ext. 46331  
Email: john.hughes@mohawkinc.com

WARRANTY:

Lees Carpets provide the following warranties:

Wear	Lifetime of Carpet. No more than 10% face yarn loss by weight in normal use.
Static	Lifetime of Carpet.
Edge Ravel	Lifetime of Carpet. Guaranteed no edge ravel in normal use.
Delamination	Lifetime of Carpet. Guaranteed no delamination in normal use. Chair pads are not required, but are recommended for maximum appearance retention.
Tuft Bind	Lifetime of Carpet. Guaranteed not to zipper, wet or dry.
Adhesive	Lees warrants that the use of Lees adhesives will bond the carpet to the properly prepared substrate for the life of the carpet. Substrate must meet Lees recommended floor preparation procedures. Should Lees adhesive not be used, Lifetime Adhesive Warranties become null and void.
Stain Resistance	Lees provides lifetime stain warranty and a 10 year Lightfastness and Atmospheric Contaminant Warranty on all Duracolor carpets. This lifetime stain warranty covers all Duracolor carpets made by Lees.

\* Under GSA requirements stain resistant carpets must score no less than 8.0 (10.0 is best) on the AATCC Red 40 Stain Scale. Carpet samples must first be exposed to 100 revolutions of the Taber abrader (1,000-gram weight per H-18 wheel) and then the abraded area must be stain tested using AATCC test method 175

MANUFACTURER'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

Issuance of this Materials Release (MR) commits the manufacturer to fulfill as 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 production facilities, methods, design of the product, company name, ownership or mailing address.

EVALUATION:

This MR 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 MR shall apply for renewal or revision 90 days prior to the Review Date printed on this MR. 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 9168  
Washington, DC 20410-8000

Appropriate User Fee shall be sent to:

U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Miscellaneous Income – Technical Suitability of Products Fees  
Bank of America  
P. O. Box 198762  
Atlanta, GA 30384-8762

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

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 the Code of Federal Regulations 24 CFR 200.934, “User Fee System for the Technical Suitability of Products Program,” and current User Fee Schedule.

CANCELLATION:

Failure to apply for a renewal or revision shall constitute a basis for cancellation of the MR. HUD will notify the manufacturer that the MR 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 MR 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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