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Sprouting

Sprouting is a condition that can occasionally occur with loop pile carpets. This condition, which results in the protrusion of individual tufts above the carpet's specified pile height, is not considered to be a manufacturing defect. The physical cause of sprouting is due to an over-extension of the pick rate (stitch rate) of the primary backing, or when slack yarn gathers during tufting. Sprouting can also occur as a result of variations in yarn tack during the air entangling process. Damage resulting from pulled loops from improper use of knee kickers during installation can resemble sprouting, however; this condition is generally isolated along the walls of a carpet installation.

Although sprouting loops are usually detected and removed during manufacturing they can also be removed by clipping these loops after the carpet is installed (without altering the performance or the warranty of a carpet). This condition will not reoccur or worsen once all of the sprouted loops are clipped.

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