Environmental Product Declaration

Avant Contract Broadloom Carpet

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Declaration Holder		Avant Contract	
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All products are manufactured in the United States in facilities owned by the manufacturer. There are no ISO certifications for these facilities.

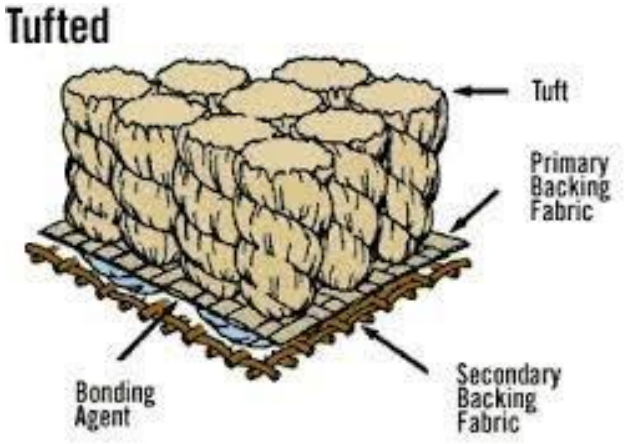
ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION: DETAILED VERSION

Product Description

Product classification and description

Products covered in this Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) are a wide variety of broadloom carpets manufactured by Avant Contract backed by Styrene Butadiene Latex (SBR) and made with nylon 6,6. The SBR is comprised of latex and calcium carbonate. The face fiber is 100% nylon 6,6 and is either solution, skein dyed, space dyed, piece dyed, or a combination of the methods. The products are covered by Avant Contract's 10 Year Limited Warranty. The products all pass the Carpet & Rugs Institutes Green Label Plus.

The average weight of the backing system is 30 oz./yd². The variation in weight in the broadloom products is due to the amount of yarn weight. The weighted average used in the Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) is 32 oz./yd² with the minimum yarn weight of 20 oz./yd² and the maximum yarn weight of 48 oz./yd².



Applicability

Avant Contract broadloom carpets are intended for installation in medium to high traffic commercial interior spaces. The specific product type determines the suitability for the traffic classification, as defined in the guidelines developed by the Carpet & Rug Institutes. For more detail on the performance recommendations, refer to: http://www.carpet-rug.org/commercial-customers/selecting-the-right-carpet/quality-and-performance/index.cfm.
The Avant Broadloom Carpets have a referenced service life of 15 years.

Product Characteristics

Type of manufacture	Tufted pattern loop, tufted pattern solid and cut pile, tufted pattern solid and tip shear	
Yarn type	Nylon 6,6	
Additional characteristics according to NSF/ANSI 140	Sustainability Assessment for Carpe*t: Gold*	
Sustainable certifications	Certified to NSF/ANSI 140	
VOC emissions test method	GLP 1678 and GLP 0138 for solution/skein dyed products and GLP 2950 for piece dyed products	
Texture Appearance Retention Rating	≥3	
Characteristics	**Nominal Value**	**Unit**
Total thickness	6.35-9.525 (.25-.375 in)	mm (inch)
Product weight	1,531-2,240 (54-79)	g/m^2 (oz/ft^2)
Surface pile thickness	4.76-8.73(.1875-.34375 in)	mm (inch)
Number of tufts or loops /dm^2	6,221-22,809 (669-2455)	dm^2 (ft^2)
Surface pile weight	566-1,361 (20-48)	g/m^2 (oz/ft^2)
Pile Fiber Composition	47	%
Secondary Backing	53	%
Pre-consumer content	0-8	%
Post-Consumer Content	0-3	%
Product Standards		**Results**
CRI Green Label Plus		Pass
NSF 140		Silver
ASTM E648 Radiant Panel Flammability Test		Class I
ASTM E662 NBS Smoke Test (Flaming Mode)		≤ 450
AATCC 134 Electrostatic Propensity		≤ 3.0KV
AATCC 16 Colorfastness to Light		≥ 4 at 40 AFU's
ASTM D5252/D7330 Hexapod Tumble Drum Test (TARR)		≥3

Material Content

Component	Material	Mass %	Availability			Origin of Raw Materials
			Renewable	Non-Renewable	Recycled	
Pile Material (Tuft)	Type 6,6 Nylon	47%		Fossil resource, limited	0%	Global
Primary Backing Fabric	Polypropylene	6%		Fossil resource, limited	0%	Global
Back coating (Bonding Agent)	Latex	44%		Fossil resource, limited	0%	Global
	Calcium Carbonate			Mineral, abundant	0%	US
Secondary Backing Fabric	Polypropylene	3%		Fossil resource, limited	0%	Global

Production of main materials

Nylon Face Fiber – Type 6,6 nylon that is solution dyed, skein dyed, space dyed, piece dyed, or a combination of the different methods. Nylon 6,6 is produced through polycondensation of hexamethylenediamine and adipic acid.

Styrene Butadiene Rubber (SBR) is a synthetic copolymer that is used as a primary cross-linkable binder in the manufacture of rubber flooring products and tires. It is used to provide tuft bind and lamination strength between the nylon fiber and secondary backing.

Calcium carbonate is an abundant mineral found in all parts of the world as the chief substance in rocks (i.e., marble and limestone). It can be ground to varying particle sizes, and is widely used as filler in formulated flooring systems.

Polypropylene Backings – The primary backing is utilized to tuft the Type 6,6 nylon fiber to create the carpet. The secondary backing is utilized to provide dimensional stability to the finished carpet.

Life Cycle Assessment Stages and Reported EPD Information

Sourcing/extraction (raw material acquisition) stage

The life cycle assessment stage for sourcing and material extraction begins at the point of the raw materials extraction from its source and ends at the receipt of the raw material at the carpet manufacturing facility. All raw materials are evaluated for quality, availability, consistency, performance, and value before acceptance into the manufacturing process. Once the material and its source have passed the initial evaluation process, ongoing evaluation is performed using the suppliers' certificate of analysis.

Manufacturing stage

The production process is designed for efficiency, utilizing the strengths of Avant's technology and expertise. It begins with the dyeing of the fiber, or in some cases, the use of solution dyed fibers. The determination of dye process lies in the intended purpose and aesthetics of the product. The fiber is then converted into yarn in the spinning process. These processes utilize water, electricity, and natural gas.

The tufting process incorporates tufting machines that utilize needles to insert the yarn into a synthetic backing material. The needles are controlled to determine the myriad of aesthetics that the marketplace desires. This process requires electricity.

Next is the coating process, which applies a high performance precoat to the back of the tufted substrate. This precoat locks the fibers into place giving strength to the material. The coating process uses electricity, gas, and water.

Backing of the carpet tiles is accomplished by applying a vinyl layer to the carpeting. This layer adds dimensional stability and completes the performance package for the carpet tile. This process uses electricity and gas.

The last step in the manufacturing process is cutting and packaging. This process utilizes electricity.

Delivery and installation stage

Delivery

Delivery to the customer is typically through the use of diesel-powered trucks. Truck transportation is optimized by load size and geographical logistics. This life cycle analysis has modeled truck transportation with an average distance of 500 miles.

Installation

The recommended adhesive for Avant Contract broadloom carpet is Avant Contract Broadloom Adhesive, using a full spread of adhesive. The life cycle assessment modeled the installation stage with Avant Contract Premium Carpet Adhesive at a spread rate of 0.15 kg adhesive/SM carpet.

Complete installation instructions are available at:
http://www.avantcontract.com/web/files/INSTALLATION/INSTALLATION_OF_PATTERNED_CARPET.pdf

Health, safety, and environmental aspects during installation

For MSDS on adhesive, please contact Avant Contract's Technical Services Department at 855-469-2826.

Avant Contract Broadloom Adhesive is CRI Green Label Plus certified and meets the requirements of California South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule #1168.

Avant Broadloom Carpet may also be reconditioned by cleaning and reused in less critical areas of a facility or in lower category spaces.

Packaging

Table 1 – Packaging Materials for Avant Broadloom Carpet

Category	Material
Cardboard	Cores
Plastics	Plastic wrap

Use stage

Use of the floor covering

The service life for Avant Contract Broadloom Carpet will vary depending on the amount of floor traffic, level of maintenance, and the desired appearance of the floor covering. The reference service life for Avant Broadloom Carpet is 15 years.

The EPD must present results for both a 1-year and 60-year period; impacts are calculated for both time periods. The standard assumes that the life of a building is 60 years.

- The 1-year impacts are based on the initial installation of one square meter of flooring (production, transport, installation, end-of-life, and use), phase impacts are based on annual cleaning and maintenance guidelines.
- The 60-year impacts are based on 4 replacements (occurring once every 15 years) of one square meter of flooring (production, transport, installation, end-of-life and the use phase) impacts for 60 years of total floor maintenance.

Avant Contract Broadloom Carpet is guaranteed by Avant's warranted performance. These warranties may be found at: http://www.avantcontract.com/web/files/Warranty/Avant%20Broadloom.pdf

Cleaning and maintenance

The level of cleaning and maintenance varies depending on the amount of floor traffic and the desired appearance of the floor that the end user is seeking. The Carpet and Rug Institute's publication, *Carpet Maintenance Guidelines for Commercial Applications,* offers guidance on how to maintain the carpet at various floor traffic levels.

Avant Contract Broadloom Carpet maintenance guidelines may be found at:
http://www.avantcontract.com/web/files/Cleaning/Avant_cleaning_and_maintinance.pdf

The table below is a guideline for the frequency of cleaning established by the IICRC. This is a very good guide for a maintenance schedule. However, each building and traffic patterns are different and modifications to the table may need to be implemented.

Table 2 - Recommended Maintenance for Avant Broadloom Carpet

Traffic Soil Rating (foot traffic per day)	**Vacuuming** (times per week)	**Spot Cleaning** (times per week)	**Interim Maintenance** (times per year)	**Restorative Cleanings** (times per year)
Light <500	1-2	Daily or as soon as noticed	1-3	1-2
Medium 500-1,000	Daily in traffic areas, overall 3-4	Daily or as soon as noticed	3-6	2-4
Heavy 1000-2,500	Daily in traffic areas, overall 4-7	Daily in traffic areas, overall 4-7	6-12	3-6
Very Heavy >2,500	1-2 daily in traffic areas, overall 7	1-2 daily in traffic areas, overall 7	12-52	6-12

End of life stage

Recycling, reuse, or repurpose

Avant Contract Broadloom Carpet is designed to achieve the company's commitment to enhance opportunities to recycle and reuse. Reuse, repurpose, and recycling is the preferred method of disposal at the end of the carpet's useful life. Avant Contract's parent company, Dixie Mills, is a long-standing member of CARE and supports the efforts to divert carpet from landfills. Avant Contract supports the use of CARE Recycling Partners for the landfill diversion process.

Disposal

Avant Contract Broadloom Carpet can be landfilled where local regulations allow. It can also be incinerated in a waste-to-energy facility.

In the end-of-life phase, we have used energy for collection and transport to landfill as well as energy to operate the landfill. The total process energies (and natural resource energies) are:

- 48.5 MJ electricity/as is MT of solid waste (0.167 MJ nre/kg carpet)
- 335 MJ diesel/ as is MT of solid waste (0.385 MJ nre/kg carpet)

Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

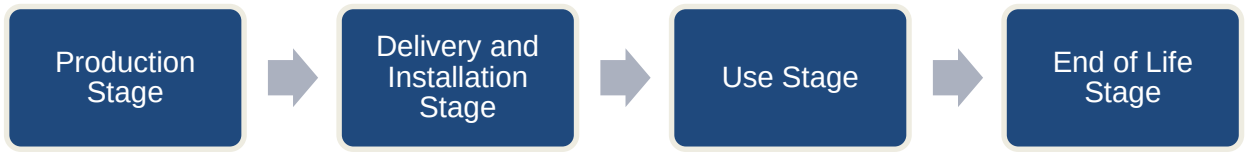
General

The Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) and Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) were undertaken using guidelines from ISO 14040/ISO 14044 with respect to *Product Category Rule for Environmental Product Declarations Flooring: Carpet, Resilient, Laminate, Ceramic, Wood* (Flooring PCR, NSF International, 2014). The functional unit is one square meter (sm) of carpet. The use phase is one year, and can then be scaled to the desired carpet or building life. Materials with low mass and environmental impacts of inputs or use per square meter of carpet (less than one percent) are not included in this LCA, as the impact on results is small. Similarly, energy-consuming steps with low values per meter yard of carpet (less than one percent) are not included. None of the excluded materials were found to have unique environmental relevance in the context of this functional unit.

For cases in which products and byproducts are made in a life cycle inventory gate-to-gate, mass allocation is used. In keeping with standard life cycle practice, the life cycle impacts of materials leaving the boundaries that are recycled (such as most carpet packaging) are assigned to the replacement use and not to the current floor covering.

The Carpet and Rug Institute (2010) and Environmental Clarity (Overcash and Griffing, 2014) databases were utilized for this life cycle assesment. The life cycle inventory data include all relevant process steps and technologies found in the supply chain, manufacturing, use, and end-of-life stages. The databases are derived primarily from the carpet industry data supplemented by supply chain information. For the manufacturing, use, and end-of-life stages, the geographical aspects are relevant and therefore reasonable. The use of data on chemical manufacturing found for the commodity chemicals in the supply chain were also determined to be reasonable for the U.S. as global competition and manufacturing technologies are prevalent. Overall, the data quality is in the good to high categories.

Results are uniformly provided in units of natural resource energy (nre) (MJ/sm carpet). The natural resource energy is calculated from the process energy of each manufacturing plant by first including the high heat value (HHV) of fuel combusted per unit of energy transferred to the process (efficiency) plus secondly the energy used to deliver fuel to the point of use in the energy production plant (often known as pre-combustion or delivered energy). Natural resource energy is similar to cumulative energy demand (CED) in European literature.



Description of the functional unit

The functional unit has been defined as one square meter as defined in section 6.2 of the PCR. The reference service life for this product group is 15 years, while the reference service life for a building is 60 years.

Cut-off criteria

Materials with low mass and environmental impacts of inputs or use per square meter of carpet (less than one percent) are not included in this life cycle assessment, as the impact on results is small. Similarly, energy-consuming steps with low values per square meter of carpet (less than one percent) are also not included. No excluded materials were found to have unique environmental relevance in the context of this functional unit.

Allocation

In cases where products and byproducts are made in a life cycle inventory gate-to-gate, mass allocation is used. In keeping with standard life cycle practice, the life cycle impacts of materials leaving the boundaries that are recycled (such as most carpet packaging), are assigned to the replacement use and not to the current floor covering.

Background data

The Carpet and Rug Institute database (2010) as well as that of Environmental Clarity (Overcash and Griffing, 2014) were utilized for this life cycle. The life cycle inventory data include all relevant process steps and technologies found in the supply chain, manufacturing, use, and end-of-life stages. The databases are derived primarily from the carpet industry data supplemented by supply chain information. For the manufacturing, use, and end-of-life stages the geographical aspects are relevant and therefore reasonable. The use of data on chemical manufacturing found for the commodity chemicals in the supply chain are also felt to be reasonable for the U.S. as global competition and manufacturing technologies are prevalent. Overall the data quality is in the good to high categories.

Data quality and data quality assessment

The data used in the life cycle assessment represents current products and processes. This data is considered to be good to very good, which meets the requirements of the product category rules (NSF International, 2014). A variety of checks were built into the model. Additionally, a series of tests were conducted on the model to ensure that the model quality is very good.

Time related coverage – The process data was based on one year of data between 2012 and 2013. The background data sources are based on data less than 10 years old. All of the background data sources are modeled using 2010 or newer North American energies. The time related coverage is good.

Geographical coverage – The process data was based on North America. The geographical coverage is good.

Technology coverage – Process data was collected from the actual processes and thus the technology coverage is very good. The background data was selected for technology relevance to ensure the best fit of the life cycle inventory to the real world. The technology coverage is very good.

System boundaries

The life cycle assessment for the Avant Broadloom Carpet was a cradle to grave study. System boundaries for this study are as follows:

- Source/Extraction Stage – This stage begins with the end in mind for the selection and sourcing of materials, evaluation of viable alternatives, and the results of the design parameters through the extraction of raw materials. This may include the growth, manufacture, extraction of all raw materials and their delivery to the production facilities. Packaging materials are considered in this study.
- Manufacturing Stage – All relevant manufacturing processes indicated by the design concepts are included in this stage. This is optimized for the materials selected in the Source/Extraction Stage. Packaging is included. Overhead and personnel related items are not included.
- Delivery and Installation Stage – This stage includes the transportation of material from the production facility to the point of use. Materials used for installation and site preparation are included.
- Use Stage – This stage includes cleaning and maintenance of the Avant Broadloom Carpet during its useful life as well as the extraction, manufacturing, and transport of all supporting materials, if relevant for the maintenance.
- End of Life Stage – The End of Life Stage includes the transportation of the used carpet to end of life processes. All the relevant end of life processes are included in the report.

Impact declaration and use stage normalization

The life cycle impact assessments (LCIA) were calculated for two different model scenarios of one square meter of Avant Contract Broadloom Carpet, as per *Section 6.8.1 Impact declaration and use stage normalization*:

- "For Table A, the LCIA for each life cycle stage shall be based on the reference service life (RSL) of a building, which is currently 60 years. The use stage shall be for one year of routine maintenance (cleaning and other daily/weekly/monthly/annual maintenance) and extrapolated out to the reference service life of a building. This one year of LCA impacts will not include the maintenance activities that occur infrequently to the flooring product (refinishing, grout restoration, etc.) during the RSL of the building.
- For Table B, the LCA impacts for each life cycle stage shall be based on the RSL of a building which is currently 60 years. Table B use stage will not only include the annual maintenance activities calculated in table A, but also includes the activities that occur infrequently (refinishing, grout restoration, etc.) throughout the RSL of the building. For example, tile re-grouting impact every 30 years would be included in the use stage for Table B." (NSF International, 2014)

Results of the assessment

Table 1 - Life cycle inventory analysis in MJ natural resource energy/SM carpet

	LCA Results (in MJ natural resource energy/SM carpet)					
Carpet LCI stages	**Sourcing / Extraction**	**Manufacturing**	**Delivery & installation**	**Use** (one year)	**End-of-Life**	**Total**
SBL-backed broadloom with solution dyeing	97.5	32.6	4.3	42	1.1	178
SBL-backed broadloom with skein dyeing	97.5	48.5	4.3	42	1.1	193

Life Cycle Inventory Analysis

The life cycle inventory data were converted LCIA results for the impact categories specified in the product category rule (Flooring PCR, NSF International, 2014). Six impact assessment categories from the CML 2 baseline 2000 version 2.05 method (CML, 2009) were used. The abiotic depletion potential was modified to remove primary energy materials (coal, oil and gas) to comply with the PCR. Non-renewable and renewable primary energy usage was calculated using the cumulative energy demand method version 1.08 from Ecoinvent (Ecoinvent, 2010). This method was modified to include raw materials from the Environmental Clarity database. The inventory was calculated by combining Environmental Clarity gate-to-gate data with energy modules from the US Lifecycle Inventory (USLCI) database. The energy modules used for the LCIA are shown below. LCIA results relevant to the PCR are shown in the tables below. These results are expressed per square meter of carpet. Most of the environmental impacts are derived from energy consumption throughout the life cycle.

Note on use stage

Avant Contract Broadloom Carpets have a reference service life of 15 years. Recommended maintenance schedules for these products can be reviewed in the Cleaning and Maintenance section above, or online at: http://www.avantcontract.com/web/files/Cleaning/Avant_cleaning_and_maintinance.pdf

Table 2: Energy Consumption (Maintenance) – Avant Broadloom Carpet

Energy Consumption			
	Units	**Amount**	**Percent**
Primary Energy, Non-Renewable	MJ	184	>99
Primary Energy, Renewable	MJ	0	<1

The amount of renewable energy is less than 1% and approaches 0 MJ. For purposes of this report, 0 MJ are used.

The life cycle inventories for all materials used in the product and evaluated in the LCA are contained in the CRI, Carpet and Rug Institute, life cycle database developed by Georgia Institute of Technology and carpet industry, Dalton, GA, 2010.

Energy modules used in the life cycle impact assessment			
\	**SimaPro name**	**Library**	**Conversions and notes**
Electricity	Electricity, at grid, US/US	USLCI	
Natural gas	Natural gas, combusted in industrial boiler/US	USLCI	0.027027 m3 / MJ
Dowtherm	Natural gas, combusted in industrial boiler/US	USLCI	1 MJ natural gas / 0.8 MJ Dowtherm to process
Steam	Natural gas, combusted in industrial boiler/US	USLCI	1 MJ natural gas / (0.8 * 0.92) MJ steam to process
Direct fuel	Natural gas, combusted in industrial boiler/US	USLCI	1 MJ natural gas / MJ direct fuel
Coal	Bituminous coal, combusted in industrial boiler/US	USLCI	1 kg coal = 25 MJ
Diesel (process)	Diesel, combusted in industrial boiler/US	USLCI	0.85 kg/L & 45 MJ/kg
Diesel (transport)	Transport, combination truck, average fuel mix/US	USLCI	0.027224 L/tkm (USLCI), 45 MJ/kg, 0.85 kg/L
Undefined	Same as diesel (process)		
Heavy oil: refinery	Same as diesel (process)		
Hydro power: refinery	Same as electricity		
Nuclear power: refinery	Same as electricity		
Refrigeration	1/3 of electricity value		Most industrial refrigeration temperatures use approximately this much electricity
Potential recovery	Same as steam, but negative values		Potential recovery is assumed to off-set steam use

Table 3. Energy modules used in the life cycle impact assessment.

Table 3A. Impact assessment and primary energy results for a market average of SBL broadloom carpets. All results are per square meter of carpet. The market is 63% solution dyed and 37% skein dyed by carpet area.

Impact category	Units	Souring / Extraction	Manufacturing	Delivery & Installation	Use (one year)	End of Life	Total
Abiotic depletion, non-energy	kg Sb eq	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acidification	kg SO2 eq	0.0895	0.0260	2.04E-03	1.91E-03	4.32E-04	0.120
Eutrophication	kg PO4--- eq	8.27E-03	7.20E-04	2.18E-04	6.86E-05	2.51E-05	9.30E-03
Global warming (GWP100)	kg CO2 eq	8.68	2.78	0.340	0.206	0.0938	12.1
Ozone layer depletion (ODP)	kg CFC-11 eq	4.61E-11	1.75E-11	2.73E-11	1.67E-12	2.56E-12	9.51E-11
Photochemical oxidation	kg C2H4 eq	0.0251	1.89E-03	5.32E-04	1.71E-04	3.58E-05	0.0277
Primary energy, non renewable	MJ	195	42.7	6.98	2.90	1.36	249
Primary energy, renewable	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0

Life cycle impact assessment

The results of the calculations on impact assessments for one square meter of Avant Broadloom Carpet are reflected in the tables below, which satisfy the requirements of the PCR requirements

Table 4. Impact assessment and primary energy results for a market average of SBL broadloom carpets. All results are per square meter of carpet. The market is 63% solution dyed and 37% skein dyed by carpet area. This table satisfies the requirement of Table A in the PCR.

Impact category	Units	Sourcing / Extraction	Manufacturing	Delivery & installation	Use (one year)	End of life	Total
Abiotic depletion, non-energy	kg Sb eq	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acidification	kg SO2 eq	0.0895	0.0260	2.04E-03	1.91E-03	4.32E-04	0.120
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Primary energy, non renewable	MJ	195	42.7	6.98	2.90	1.36	249
Primary energy, renewable	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 5. Impacts over the use stage of one square meter of carpet. This table satisfies the requirements of Table B in the PCR.

Impact category	Units	Use (one year)
Abiotic depletion, non-energy	kg Sb eq	0
Acidification	kg SO2 eq	1.91E-03
Eutrophication	kg PO4--- eq	6.86E-05
Global warming (GWP100)	kg CO2 eq	0.206
Ozone layer depletion (ODP)	kg CFC-11 eq	1.67E-12
Photochemical oxidation	kg C2H4 eq	1.71E-04
Primary energy, non renewable	MJ	2.90
Primary energy, renewable	MJ	0

Table 6. Impact assessment and primary energy results for a market weighted average of broadloom carpets. All results are per square meter of carpet. The market is 63% solution dyed and 37% skein dyed by carpet area

Impact category	Units	Sourcing / Extraction	Manufacturing	Delivery & installation	Use (one year)	End of life	Total
Abiotic depletion, non-energy	kg Sb eq	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acidification	kg SO2 eq	0.0895	0.0260	2.04E-03	1.91E-03	4.32E-04	0.120
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Primary energy, renewable	MJ	0	0	0	0	0	0

Interpretation

Interpretations gleaned from the Avant Contract Broadloom Carpet LCA reinforce that the manufacturing stage is the largest contributor of the studied impact categories. However, when these studies are reviewed over the useful life of the product, it is apparent that the use stage, namely maintenance, is an area that requires development of less impactful processes. Eutrophication due to the disposal of primary liquids into the environment is the largest concern across all stages of the product.

Future Broadloom product developments should consider waste water conservation and contaminant clean-up for manufacturing and maintenance. Additional innovations in the area of maintenance are important for overall product impact improvements.

Additional Environmental Information

Health, safety, and environmental aspects during production

Avant Contract has a long-term policy of providing its associates with modern, clean, safe, and pleasant working conditions. In recent years, there have been investments in modernizing all facilities. Avant stresses that a safe and clean operation is essential for the accident-free production of products.

Avant Contract continues emphasis on these efforts by on-going safety training through Safe Start, an awareness and culture of being mindful of associates' surroundings and the production processes around them. There are daily stand up safety meetings, monthly safety inspections of all plants and operations, and annual OSHA training and corporate audits.

Avant Contract has a safety incident rate of 1.61 that is inclusive of eight manufacturing locations and all sales and support personnel. The lost time severity rate is 0.00.

Structural damage

For subfloor preparation instructions, please contact Avant Contract's Technical Services Department at 855-469-2826.

Disclaimer

It should be noted that environmental declarations from different programs may not be comparable and may not be qualified as replacements for each other without detailed analysis.

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