

Shedding & Pilling

Shedding is the fluffing or fuzzing of short, loose fibers which remain in a new rug after manufacture. Shedding is a normal process which does not damage the rug, nor indicate any defective condition.

New carpet and rugs tend to shed loose fibers for several months. If during this time the rug is not vacuumed thoroughly and regularly, the fluffing may continue for as long as a year, sometimes longer. The fibers coming out are those which are not anchored into rug. They are short staple fibers which are not tightly held by the knots or tufts or those which have fallen into the pile during the shearing operation.

Even though the volume of fiber lost may appear to be great, the actual amount is small when the total amount of fiber is considered. This loss will not appreciably change the wear life.

What Causes Pilling

In some cases only one end of the fiber is worked out. Sometimes the fiber is tightly twisted or entangled deep in the pile of the rug and thus was not cut short when the rug was sheered in the finishing process. In some cases, the fibers become entangle and form a fuzzy ball referred to as a “pill”.

Pilling and long strands that appear after vacuuming or washing are normal can usually be simply cut off without any damage done to the rug.

Prevention & Treatment

- It is not uncommon for rugs to continually need sheering or shaving after washes and in high traffic areas as the loose over twisted wool works its way to the surface over time.
- Ask your ARCS cleaner if this is a service they offer.

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Sprouting Close Up