

# 5 Year Stain Proof No Exceptions Limited Warranty

Kraus Inc. warrants that this carpet will not permanently stain from substances typically found in homes or for 5 years following installation, provided that the carpet is properly installed and maintained indoors according to Kraus' maintenance and installation recommendations (see general warranty details below).

A stain is defined as an irreversible localized color change rated less than 3.0 on the AATCC Gray Scale for Evaluating Staining (1.0 = more change; 5.0 = less change)

This warranty excludes willful damage including burns, water damage, reappearing (wicking) spots, and any stain that may occur in high traffic areas such as stairs. In addition, substances that degrade or destroy the carpet fibers (i.e. bleaches, drain cleaner, battery acid etc.), are also excluded from warranty coverage.

This warranty is not a cleaning contract. The consumer must spot clean, vacuum and steam clean the carpet on a regular basis (see maintenance section below).

Claims submitted to Kraus under this warranty must include a letter and a receipt from a professional carpet cleaner describing the affected area and the cleaning procedures applied, with a statement that the stain could not be removed. If after professional cleaning, the stain is tested and the affected area is found to have a rating of less than 3.0 on the AATCC Gray Scale for Evaluating Change in Color, Kraus will designate a professional carpet cleaner to attempt to remove the stain. If the second professional cleaning removes the stain, the consumer must pay for this service. If Kraus determines that the affected area remains unsatisfactory, and that all warranty conditions have been met, Kraus will compensate the owner on a pro rata basis for: (1) the original material cost of the carpet for the area directly affected, and (2) a reasonable installation allowance.

### **General Warranty Details**

### Warranty Coverage

Kraus Inc. will repair or replace the portion of the carpet that does not perform according to our warranties. If all warranty conditions have been met, Kraus Inc. will compensate the owner pro rata for the original cost of the carpet for the directly affected area and a reasonable installation allowance. Reasonable re-installation costs are limited to \$5 per square yard or \$100 when the area is less than 20 square yards. Any charges for carpet disposal, new padding or moving furniture, equipment, etc. are the responsibility of the owner.

### • Installation

The carpet must be installed in accordance with the Carpet & Rug Institute standard CRI-105. Seam sealing is mandatory on all installations. Power stretching is mandatory on all stretch-in installations.

### Installation Recommendations:

http://www.krausflooring.com/installation\_recommendations.htm http://www.carpet-rug.org/pdf\_word\_docs/105.pdf

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#### Maintenance

The carpet must be maintained and cleaned in accordance with Kraus' recommendations as outlined in "How to Maintain the Carpet in Your Home" by Kraus Inc. Spills should always be cleaned immediately and heavily trafficked areas should be vacuumed a minimum of twice per week, with less trafficked areas vacuumed at least once per week. Residentially installed carpet should be professionally cleaned at least every 12 to 18 months to maintain the appearance of the carpet, sooner if the carpet begins to appear soiled. Hot water extraction (steam cleaning) is Kraus' recommended cleaning method. Always allow carpet to dry thoroughly before exposing to traffic.

Maintenance Recommendations: <u>http://www.krausflooring.com/maintenance\_recommendations\_res.htm</u>

- This warranty is prorated based upon 5 years of service and is non-transferable. It excludes the effects of improper installation, maintenance and willful damage.
- The consumer shall reasonably cooperate with Kraus Inc. in its efforts to honor and perform its obligations under this warranty.

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