

SEAM PEAKING CORRECTIVE MEASURES

Seam peaking and seam elevation are inherent characteristics of all seams.

This occurs when the carpet is stretched. The hinging motion causes the seam to become elevated, which in turn creates the peaking effect.

This problem can be solved IF the cushion is acceptable.

THE CORRECTIVE PROCEDURE: This procedure will not correct the appearance of the seam, but it will correct seam peaking or seam elevation. It is important to note that the cushion will have an effect on the success of this procedure. It will NOT work over soft cushion that does not have a scrim. (Urethane) The cushion must be dense **with a scrim**. Room must be empty.

1. Remove carpet *from tackstrip* and pull it back to where the seam tape is visible. If the seam was originally constructed improperly on top of cushion, the tape left an impression on the surface of the cushion. Move to the right or left of this impression six inches and cut cushion. To identify seam location later if it was correctly constructed, place masking tape at each end of the seam on wallbase BEFORE removing the carpet.
2. Pull the cushion back and apply the **pressure-sensitive** adhesive using a 1/16" x 1/16" x 1/16" square-notched trowel. Apply adhesive under the impression left on the cushion approximately one-foot on both sides of where the cushion was cut. Allow the pressure sensitive adhesive to become "tacky" before positioning the cushion into the adhesive.
3. **Do NOT take the seam apart. Lightly, sand the back of the seaming tape** to remove the silicone as it is not compatible with the adhesive.
4. Apply a **double-glue or soft-set, multi-purpose adhesive** to the top of the cushion the width of a trowel (1/8" x 1/8" x 1/16" U-notched trowel), approximately 10-12 inches, directly over the impression of the tape.
5. Position the carpet in the adhesive while it is **wet**.
6. **Immediately**, reinstall the carpet using the powerstretcher. Stretch more on the length, if necessary, and less on the width. Stretch the carpet across the seam back to the original stretched position. **DO NOT OVERSTRETCH!**
7. After the carpet has been edged into the gully, stretch the length of the seam using the required pressure to obtain a flat seam.
8. **Roll the seam with a flat seam roller** (not to exceed 35 pounds) to ensure that the adhesive has been transferred into the backing of the carpet.
9. A flat weight, such as a 2 x 10 or 2 x 12, should be positioned over the seam for approximately 45 minutes. This will allow time for the adhesive to become tacky and pull the seam down.
10. Advise the customer that the area is not to receive foot traffic for 24 hours.

REMEMBER, this procedure will not work IF the cushion is not manufactured with a **scrim or the density factor is not sufficient**. The adhesive will migrate into the cushion causing the cushion to collapse. We recommend 6lbs. or heavier.

BEFORE, procedure is attempted, ALWAYS identify the cushion!