

HOT MELT TAPE SEAMING PROCEDURE

If proper techniques are not used, the seam will be a failure. *It is very important to ensure that the seaming iron is equipped with a heat shield to avoid the possibility of damaging the backing and the face yarns. The installer must use the proper seam cutting tools to obtain a precision cut edge for seaming. Do not double-cut edges for seaming. Prior to beginning the hot melt tape seaming procedures, the installer must have installed the tackless strip and the separate cushion, as well as completed seam trimming operations. Read all instructions prior to proceeding.*

- Carefully separate the edge of the carpet to pull the seam.
- Use a carpet knife to cut the seam tape, opening up the entire length of the seam.



- Look at the seam and make sure there are no loose carpet fibers that could accidentally be pulled. If there are, snip them close to the base of the carpet.



- Cut a piece of seam tape to size, roll back one side of the carpet and lay the seam tape in place. Center the tape using the dark line as a guide.



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- Set the seam iron to the appropriate temperature.
- **Tip:** You may want to set the seam iron on a carpet remnant or board to protect your existing carpet.
- Place the hot iron directly on the seam tape, starting at one end. Hold it for at least 30 seconds.



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- The seam iron will melt the glue on the tape, which will have a gooey consistency when ready.
- Move the iron slowly along the seam tape while pressing the carpet down in back of the iron.
- The glue will harden and cool in a couple of minutes. Continue down the entire seam.
- When you're finished roll the carpet with spiked roller, which holds it in place.



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- If there's a patch that needs to be replaced, make sure you have enough replacement carpet with the grain or pattern going the right way. Cut out the bad section of carpet, lay in seam tape and follow the previous steps.