

## Summary Ulster CEU -108400

### Benefits of Using Wool and Axminster in Contract Carpet Installations.

#### Benefits of Wool:

- Durable / great appearance retention.
- Fire retardant.
- Natural and renewable fibre.
- Improves indoor air quality and is non allergenic.
- Good acoustic properties.
- Easy to maintain.
- Fully biodegradable.
- British & NZ Wools have the best characteristics for carpeting.

#### The Manufacturing Process:

- Wool is blended with Nylon
- Then carded, spun and twisted before dyeing
- Is it then woven, mended then finished.

#### Modern Axminster:

- Last 20 years has seen a revolution in technology and capability.
- Up to 30 colors possible in some cases.
- Amazing flexibility in design with no limit on pattern repeats.
- Very durable - often used in Casinos, Hotels, Cruise ships and high end Residential.
- Affordable – great value over the life of the carpet if specified & planned right.
- Side matching simple even on large areas.

#### Optimizing Performance for the Client:

- Work with an experienced and reliable supplier who will deliver good quality carpet on time.
- Planning the installation is critical - pick best width(s) to minimise waste on a given installation. Overall cost of the carpet is what matters not unit cost.
- Seams cost money and are the first point of failure so minimise the number and get good installers who will do the best job.
- Practicality can be built into the design using large numbers of colors, adding textures, minimising blocks of light colors and so on.
- The higher the tuft density the better the long term performance.
- Use the right pad to get best long term results.
- Carpet can be installed over raised floors (even if regular access required) if installed with the correct method.
- Take into account environmental impact and health for those using the space.
- Good on site maintenance regime will maintain the carpet appearance for longer and extend the life of the carpet.

