

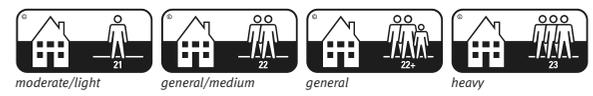


All You Need to Know!

Basic characteristics (use and luxury classes)

A carpet has to meet specific requirements according to wear, appearance retention and luxury. The minimum requirements depend on the use environment and differ between domestic and commercial use.

Domestic use



Commercial use



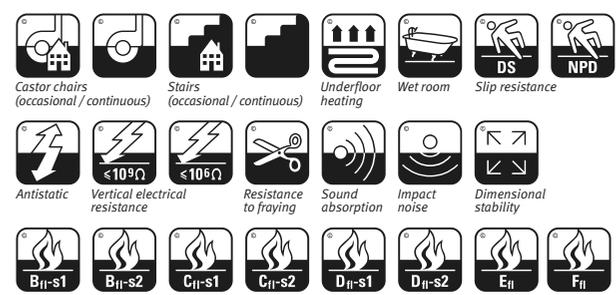
Within each of these use classes, carpets may vary in luxury. This can be expressed by the following symbols. These symbols for luxury use an easy to understand system of crowns varying from one to five crowns.

Luxury



Additional characteristics

Besides these basic requirements, carpets are able to fulfill a large number of additional requirements, so that they can be installed and used in different use environments. Each of these additional features is visualised by an individual symbol.



Reaction to fire (fire classes for carpets)



PRODIS means:

- Quality made according to EU standards
- Tested for the consumer's health and safety
- Controlled by independent test houses



What is PRODIS?

The uniform PRODUct Information System of the European Carpet Industry

PRODIS is the first comprehensive consumer information system that integrates information on environmental issues, consumer health and safety topics as well as information on use areas and additional characteristics of textile floor coverings. PRODIS provides reliable information for consumers and businesses and is based on two elements: the **GUT test system** for VOC emissions and chemicals and the **Floor Covering Standard Symbols (FCSS)** for use classification. PRODIS is more than a new label of carpets. It is the visible sign of a renewed confidence in carpet. Carpet is not simply a solution for covering a floor, it is also the best choice.

In addition to Prodis, all qualities comply with **CE** regulations.

PRODIS is an initiative of ECRA (European Carpet and Rug Association) **supported by GUT.**

The PRODIS label

- A** The FCSS symbols were created for easy recognition and understanding. They show the use and wear classes for carpet as well as the many additional product characteristics. They also indicate that the product meets the requirements of the relevant EU product standards.
- B** The registration number indicates that the product is registered in the PRODIS system and meets all its requirements. It allows product identification and facilitates market control.
- C** By introducing the registration number on the PRODIS website consumers can access up-to-date basic information about a product.
- D** Products simultaneously registered within national systems like PIT, ETG or ICC and having a GUT license may, as an option, feature the logo of the national system in the blank space.

A carpet tested for a better living environment.

Today more than ever before, consumers are factoring in environmental issues in their buying behaviour. They want to know for sure if a product is environmentally safe to use and if it is made according to environmentally friendly standards. Carpets are not excluded from this trend. No matter what colour of carpet you are selling, a 'green' carpet is always better. **In order for you to be able to recognise carpets from responsible manufacturers, look for the PRODIS label!**

Since the early nineties, GUT has been committed to being user friendly and environmentally friendly throughout the entire lifecycle of carpets, from production to installation and from use to recycling. Its standards for raw materials, additives and production processes are unique in Europe. By joining together environmentally responsible manufacturers, **GUT guarantees your customers a better living environment.**



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