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Top 10 Carpet Installs for 3/13

RANK	STORE #
1	951
2	4122
3	1206
4	4140
5	4108
6	4131
7	902
8	930
9	2560
10	4608



Great job!

Who will be in the Top 10 SQ YD report next month?

Thank you for all the hard work.

How Hard Is Your Hardwood?

When going with hardwood flooring, most people don't realize that there is a full range of actual densities available. Hardwood is a term to denote any closed cell, broad leaf tree (like oak, maple, or elm) versus a softwood's open cellular nature (like poplar, pine and fir). The more dense the cellular fiber, the harder the material. Manufacturers utilize the janka scale to determine the hardness of the wood. The janka test fires a steel ball into the material and shows how much force is need to embed the ball to half its diameter.



The higher the number, the harder the wood species. The full chart can be located at

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Janka hardness test. Some examples of common materials used for flooring: cherry falls at 995, red oak at 1290, bamboo at 1380, hard maple at 1450, Brazilian cherry at 2350. By comparison, the highest amount of force required is for Australian Buloke (a species of ironwood tree) at 5060, while Eastern white pine is a mere 380.

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Non-Defective Return Policy!!

Effective April 1st, any length NON-DEFECTIVE SO carpet can obtain an RGA from the carpet mills to be processed and shipped back to the carpet mill. The service providers will no longer ship non-defective carpet to the store but ship back to the mill to be used for future orders. The stores will need to continue to obtain the RGA and pay the restocking fees to facilitate this transaction and the installers will execute the shipment. This new process will save a lot of unneeded waste on good carpet that can be leveraged for future orders utilizing the national demand for the same product as opposed to just the orders that one individual store will generate. See your SASM or RIM for any questions.

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