

How to Use a Carpet Tractor

To use a Carpet Tractor, simply roll it back and forth the length of the seam, applying pressure as needed. It can also be rolled across the seam until the desired appearance is achieved.

You will learn through normal use that the required pressure to produce the best results will vary somewhat with different kinds of carpeting and seaming methods.

It takes very little time and experience to become thoroughly proficient in their use. Even though you may not be an expert mechanic, there will be times when conditions beyond your control will make a Carpet Tractor the most valuable item in your tool box.

WARNING

Discoloration of light colored carpet may occur as a result of seaming. It is strongly recommended that a test seam be made prior to making the final seam.

Gundlach Carpet Tractors

The Original and Best Carpet Seaming Rollers!



These amazing tools can obscure carpet seams—even badly cut seams—with much less time and effort than any other method. Carpet Tractors can also improve the appearance of poor seams caused by numerous other installation problems.

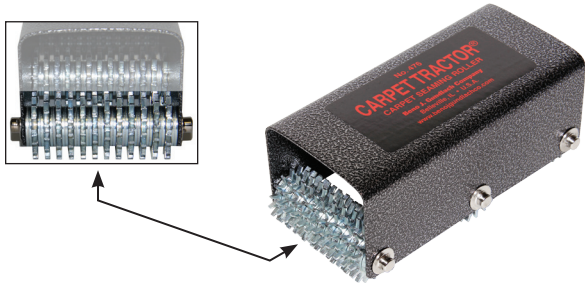
They work on all kinds of carpeting—in conjunction with all types of seaming and bonding methods—for both floor and wall installations. Carpet Tractors have durable steel construction.

See the following pages for more detailed information.

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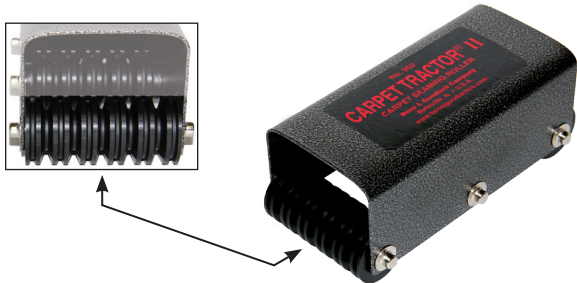
No. 476 Carpet Tractor®

The original Carpet Tractor, can be used on all types of carpet, including hard to seam materials like tight weave short nap commercial carpet. The Carpet Tractor has three rows of 1¼" diameter star wheel, steel rollers with each roller spaced by washers and the middle row offset from both end rows for uniform pressure across the seam. Tool measures 3" wide x 6½" long x 2½" high. Weighs 2 lbs.



No. 952 Carpet Tractor® II

Made especially for plush, saxony, deep pile, and berber carpet, the Carpet Tractor II has three solid grooved Delrin® rollers with the middle roller offset from both end rollers for uniform pressure across the seam. The smooth rollers will not untwist fibers or snag loops. Can also be used on other types of carpet. Tool measures 3" wide x 6½" long x 2½" high. Weighs 1¼ lbs.



Various Uses and Features of the Gundlach Carpet Tractors

Direct Glue Down—Used extensively in large area installations. 'Miles' of seams are needed, and the 'double cutting' method is frequently used because it is fast and efficient. A Carpet Tractor does a superior job of hiding such seams—even badly cut seams—with a minimum of time and effort. This assures job profitability and customer satisfaction.

Another problem sometimes encountered in this type of installation is a crease mark, bubble, or pucker in the carpet that will not adhere to the subfloor—even if a heavy linoleum roller is used. A Carpet Tractor, because of its three rows of rollers, makes the carpet conform to subfloor irregularities.

This tool is especially valuable for use with artificial grass or turf type of carpet, because it works exceptionally well on this difficult-to-seam material.

Power Bond—Performance is similar to the direct glue-down method. When there is extreme difficulty in getting a power bond seam to adhere to the floor without 'peaking', then a Carpet Tractor can solve this problem, too.

Hot Melt Tape Seaming—Wavy seams can result from pressing the carpet into the tape with hands or other objects. When using a Carpet Tractor, by using no more pressure than is needed to bond the backing to the tape, this wavy or shady seam problem can be completely eliminated.

Another advantage of the Carpet Tractor is that the rows of rollers are as wide as the hot melt tape. This reduces the number of needed passes—compared to narrower rollers. These rollers also help the adhesive to better penetrate the carpet backing for a positive bond—without harm to the nap or indentations along the seam line.

Stairways and Doorways—Tacks and staples are often used in these areas, and they sometimes leave telltale marks. A quick use of the Carpet Tractor adequately hides these marks. Also, a Carpet Tractor is very helpful for bonding glue down carpet on stairs.

Repair Work—Customers hope for 'like new' results, and this can be provided with a Carpet Tractor. Cookie cutter plug areas and repaired seams can be blended with highly satisfactory results.

Wall Carpet Installation—More opportunities for seaming problems exist here because of wavy plaster, high baseboard removal, etc. Here again a Carpet Tractor does an excellent job of getting the carpet to adhere to irregular surfaces with vastly improved appearance.

Carpet Cleaners—Sometimes seams will shrink during the cleaning operations. A Carpet Tractor can restore these seams to 'like new' appearance. Also, where furniture has rested and the nap is flat, it can raise it to its normal level. This should be done while the carpet is still wet. There is no danger of rust discoloration because these Carpet Tractors are zinc plated and powder coated (*see the **Warning** on the next page*).

Tool Construction:

- The No. 476 Carpet Tractor has three rows of staggered star tooth rollers with the unique ability to meld the carpet nap together. The all steel construction provides long life and also allows heating with a torch, permitting cleaning by then running the Carpet Tractor over scrap carpet.
- The No. 952 Carpet Tractor II has solid grooved Delrin® rollers with the middle rollers offset from both end rollers for uniform pressure across the seam. The smooth rollers will not untwist fibers or snag loops.
- Both Carpet Tractors have a powder coated body and all other exposed steel parts and washers are zinc plated for rust prevention.