

The Carpet and Rug Institute has conducted surveys of the carpet industry to determine if formaldehyde is used in the carpet manufacturing process. The survey results confirmed that no raw materials with formaldehyde additives were being used.

Carpet as it leaves the final manufacturing process does not contribute formaldehyde to the environment. However, it is not uncommon to detect trace amounts of formaldehyde in both the outdoor and indoor environments since it is a naturally occurring substance. The primary source of formaldehyde is the incomplete combustion of hydrocarbons, most notable through automobile emissions, etc.

As an additional confirmation of the absence of formaldehyde in carpet, the Carpet and Rug Institute's Indoor Air Quality Testing Program specifically monitors this chemical. Carpet may absorb formaldehyde from the air; therefore, tests of carpet from the marketplace may indicate a presence of formaldehyde.