

More About Carpet Takeoff

It all starts with the takeoff from plans or hand drawing. Achieving the most accurate estimate has change for me many times over the years. On a physical measurement still make a drawing at the job site and write in the length and width of all the rooms. Then back at the office number each room on my drawing to keep from missing any rooms. When taking off plans start with finish schedule writing down a list of room numbers with finishes at the top of the page for residential plans will list by room. The takeoff process starts with me about the same way every time. Where are the seams going?

- ▲ Looking at or scaling off a few rooms to see how the carpet widths will fit.
- ▲ Start with the halls to see if full runs are best trying to keep from railroading the halls.
- ▲ Think about what installer is going to be best for this job.
- ▲ Take off plans one room at a time. Writing cuts and fills under carpet. Lengths and widths under base or VCT and so on.
- ▲ Sometime going back and checking a different direction for better seam placement (see rules for seaming learned by replacement).
- ▲ Type the takeoff into Commercial Master or Resmaster 2.5C.
- ▲ Check input against takeoff by counting number of rooms input.
- ▲ Check input against takeoff one room at a time.
- ▲ Let program pull quantities and pricing together, adjust profit margins and edit.
- ▲ Print proposal or invoice, fax to client and save work (email with commercial program).

My seam rules are always part of any takeoff. The rules below have worked best for me. If you break the first three you may be replacing some carpet. The rest are by my priorities yours may very well be different. These rules are expected and responsibility of our flooring installer. Will and have hang my hat on these rules many times.

- ▲ Seaming carpet together that is the same dye lot.
- ▲ No seams running into a door.
- ▲ All rooms running the same direction.
- ▲ Full run down hallways if possible.
- ▲ Seams going into flat light.
- ▲ Seam along walls with less traffic.
- ▲ Least amount of seaming.

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Measured and sketched seven hundred and fifty yard car dealership on two 4.5" X 6" sheets in my Day-Timer with ever length and width. Twenty rooms later thought it would never end could have been hours. Room after room fifty miles from home. Finally back at the office. Who can I fine to redraw and color? Where are new people in the office? Oh! there out looking for the power stretcher cord.