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Most people are familiar with the standard carpet *broadloom*. This is the carpet you see at most carpet stores. **Modular Carpet Tiles** are simply another version of this product. The 12' broadloom is cut in half (6') and is backed with a vinyl product about ¼" thick. This has several advantages for the carpet:

- a. It seals the yarns into the vinyl. This binds the yarn to the back, making it nearly impossible to unravel. This makes it perfect for heavy traffic and commercial uses.
- b. It creates a backing system that is much more durable than Jute/Action Back, which is on most 12' goods.

Once the backing system is attached using heated vinyl backing, it is then cooled. Once cooled, it is processed through precise machines that cut it into squares. (Sizes may vary by manufacturer) The tiles are then inspected and packed into boxes for shipping. The only unusual difference between installing 12' broadloom carpet and Modular Carpet Tiles is the adhesive and what they call the GRID system. The adhesive is releasable. Once applied, it dries to the touch and will turn tacky only when weight is applied. This makes it easy to remove and replace with new tiles. The GRID system is a method of installing the carpet tiles using mathematical layouts to keep the tiles squared and perfectly straight.

Modular Carpet Tiles in the Industry

Carpet tiles serve several functions in the flooring industry. They are a user-friendly material that most people can handle with little difficulty, unlike broadloom goods that require strong backs and at times, problem solving talents to maneuver. Modular Carpet Tiles perform a unique function for commercial use. The backing system is created to take more abuse than normal. Due to the convenient size of the tile, it can be used efficiently in areas that need renovation with existing office systems. They are useful in covering raised flooring systems that are used to house cables and wiring. They also are wonderful in temporary setting where they need to go down easily for a time and then removed for use again elsewhere. Water resistance is also very high. Because of the solid vinyl back, water can and will channel around the tile, never penetrating into the backing, only the surface where it can be easily extracted. Carpet tiles can be completely flooded with water, taken up, rinsed off, dried and reinstalled with a good degree of satisfaction. This cannot be done with any broadloom goods.