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**Engineered Cross-Section in Carpet** - Commercial carpet fiber is available in many different shapes. These cross-section variances directly influence the long-term performance of a carpet installation. Some cross-sections can enhance the bulk characteristics, while others offer enhanced performance, soil hiding and ease of cleaning. Generally speaking the lower the surface area of the fiber, the better the performance.

**A Real Solution?** - While solution dyed commercial carpets offer the appeal of colourfastness and ease of stain removal, they often do not measure up in colour choices or performance under foot when compared to carpets constructed of post dyed yarn systems.

**Get Corked** - Cork flooring has seen an increase in market share because of design, wearability, and ease of maintenance. This product is available in various finishes and styles and offers an alternative to better known hard surface products.

**Don't Come Unglued!** - One of the most common failures in flooring is inadequate product adhesion to the floor. The effects of improper adhesives or application rates can show up well after occupancy, and be very expensive and disruptive to resolve. Be sure to specify only manufacturer recommended adhesives and application rates.

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