## POWER CARPET STRETCHERS



## (Please refer to the chart above. Read all instructions below prior to power stretching.)

1. Hook 18 inches of carpet in one corner along two walls $A B$ and $A C$.
2. Using a power stretcher, stretch the carpet along wall AC. Hook the carpet onto the tack strip at the opposite wall near Corner C. Stretch Uniformly. Stretch enough to achieve a firm, tight installation. This generally requires between 1 to $11 / 2$ inches of stretch for every 10 feet of carpet. Uniform stretching at proper stretch levels can be estimated by chalking a white line across the carpet at the wall to which the carpet is being stretched. Measure (or estimate) the amount the carpet rides up the wall during stretching.
3. Stretch from the original corner A along wall $A B$ and hook onto the tackless strip along wall $B D$ at corner $B$. Now the carpet has been stretched along walls $A B$ and $A C$ and hooked in at corners $A$, $B$, and $C$.
4. Set in wall $A C$ with a knee kicker at a slight angle ( $10^{\circ}$ to $15^{\circ}$ ).
5. Next, set in AB in the same manner. Note: it is generally easier to stretch carpet in the filling direction, so this should be done first. This also gives a tighter installation.
6. Stretch from wall $A B$ along wall $B D$ and temporarily hook to wall $C D$ at corner $D$.
7. Starting from corner $B$, power stretch from wall $A C$ to wall $B D$ at a $15^{\circ}$ angle to $A C$ and hook in. As you approach corner D, restretch and hook.
8. Power stretch carpet from wall AB to wall CD at a right angle, starting at corner C . Be sure to power stretch all areas regardless of their size in both the width and length directions. In large areas it may be necessary to stay-nail the middle of the length and stretch toward one end, and then repeat on the other half so that a uniform stretch through the whole length is achieved.
