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The Complete Carpet Buying Guide



Synopsis

The absolute best carpet buying guide available on the market. What homeowners need to know before setting foot inside any carpet store. How to select the right carpet based on your needs, goals and lifestyle. How to avoid common carpet scams, and how to save the absolute most money possible on new carpet. Alan Fletcher is a 30 year veteran of the carpet business and a nationally-known consumer advocate. His carpet buying advice is featured on HGTV.com and many other well known media platforms including AbcCarpets.com. If you are planning to buy carpet anytime soon, learn everything you need to know to save money, avoid scams and get your carpet job done right the first time from start to finish by reading Alan's powerful carpet buying guide! Bonus: Visit Alan's Preferred Carpet Dealer Directory at AbcCarpets.com to find a locally owned and recommended carpet dealer near you!

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Customer Reviews

I debated between 2 and 3 stars for this book. If I could have granted it 2.5, I would have. The pros: - Good, basic info - Some useful tips, like don't get caught up in some marketing fad b/c it probably

won't be around next year. - Some great points to remember when shopping, like his tips on needing less padding than carpeting. The cons: - There are no major secrets exposed. For example, there are a very limited number of manufacturers, and the distributors and the retailers rename the carpet. Today I found a carpet sample that I liked at a local retailer. (The author pushes for using a local shop vs big box store.) I brought the sample to Home Depot and found the same exact carpet (100% the same - - - not close, not similar, exactly the same) for about 1/3 of the cost. This wasn't the exception - - - within a few minutes, I found matches for everything from the local shop. - The author strongly advocates for the mom-and-pop shops, which is expected given his background. I ended up going with a local retailer, but just as a note for anyone reading this review, the local shops around here work as contractors for HOME DEPOT and LOWES when they aren't busy. So basically, same installers, same power stretcher/equipment, same carpet, same mill, same pad... You do the math.- Nothing left me saying, "Wow, it's a good thing that I learned about that topic".I emailed the author a few times for his opinion on carpet tiles and never heard back. That was pretty disappointing as he offers his support on his website and in the book.

This book is a succinct guide about the rights and wrongs for buying carpet, clarifying much of the misleading information out there. I didn't know a thing about carpet a few days ago. Now I realize the mistakes I made selecting my existing carpet, and what to buy next time. Ten bucks on the kindle is a small price to pay compared to the regret of spending thousands of dollars on the wrong carpet and pad.

I am buying my first home and the bedrooms need new carpet. I've never bought carpet before and didn't know where to start. This guide has given me a huge boost in understanding what my needs are and what kinds of carpet can meet those needs. I had no idea there was so much to know about carpet, but now I feel confident that I can make a good choice.

This was very helpful information. Unfortunately I didn't buy it until after I made my carpet purchase. However, it enabled me to ask the carpet store the right questions and even though I had purchased carpeting "blind" I realized I had purchased a high quality carpet thanks to this book.

Bought this because we were buying new carpet for the house. It is very detailed in explaining the different types of carpet you can buy and which type would be best for your house. Never realized there were so many different types of carpet you can buy. Very good book for the unexperienced

buyer. Saved me a bunch of money.

When it comes to buying carpeting, most definitely, knowledge is power. Not having the need to purchase carpeting for a number of years, when it came time to re-carpet our home, we were over-whelmed with the numerous types and grades of carpets, that are available, within the stores. The Complete Carpet Buying Guide provided us with the necessary information to understand and evaluate the sales proposals, and to be confident that we were purchasing the best carpeting available to satisfy both our requirements and available budget. Buying carpeting, (and padding), represents a significant investment of your money, and requires a decision, good or bad, that you will have to live with for a long time. So why not invest a nominal sum to have the knowledge necessary to make the best carpet decisions. We highly recommend The Complete Carpet Buying Guide.

Although at first it seemed ridiculous to buy a book about buying carpet, it did provide some very good insight. It was kind of like having an insiders view of the carpet industry. This quick read definitely saved me some money by knowing who, what, where I was dealing. Now we need a book like this regarding "how to buy a car from a dealership."

Lots of information to help the consumer who must make a lot of decisions when purchasing carpet. I appreciate the author's recommendations, cost saving tips, and techniques to get exactly the best carpet for your home.

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