



Timorous Beasties Noir Ruskin Butterfly, £89.99 sq m, Brintons



Portofino Azzuro, £49 sq m, Brockway

PERFECTION UNDERFOOT

Underfloor heating usually means hard floors – but it works with carpet, too

Discreet and effective, underfloor heating is an energy efficient and popular way to warm up homes. It is, however, a complete myth that underfloor heating can only be installed under tiles or solid flooring.

The Carpet Foundation, in conjunction with the Underfloor Heating Manufacturers Association, carried out research into this area. Five types of carpet and two underlays were tested over an underfloor heating system in a 4x3m test chamber. The results revealed that none of the carpet/underlay

combinations interfered with the warming of the room and that the rate the heat passed through the carpet showed that the tog value (a measure of how easily heat passes) was significantly lower than once thought.

Carpet can be used over underfloor heating without impairing its performance. Indeed, for this type of heating to operate efficiently, the thermal resistance of carpet and underlay should not exceed 2.5 togs. This means that over 90 per cent of carpets and underlays on the market can be used with underfloor heating systems. Indeed, even

carpets and underlays with high tog ratings will not prevent underfloor heating systems from working – it will merely take longer.

For assurance, buy from a Carpet Foundation member, as they are approved by the Chartered Trading Standards Institute.

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Make your home extra snug this winter and give your feet a real treat with carpet and underfloor heating – the perfect combination. For further information, please visit carpetfoundation.com



Tudor Twist Stripe in Domino, from £40.12 sq m, Victoria Carpets



Habitüs Strönd Pier, £40 sq m, Ulster Carpets



Abbotsford in Heather Kilgour, £69.99 sq m, Brintons

