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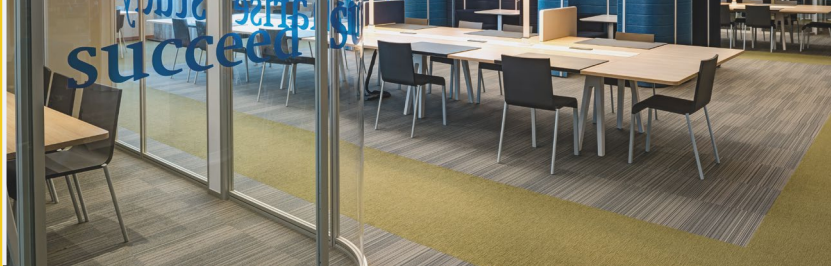
A performance perspective for carpet at the University of Reading main library

- One of the UK's largest architectural practices, Stride Treglown, were responsible for the project: "We chose Quadrant Carpets with Antron® carpet fibre for a number of reasons; the carpet tiles are manufactured in the UK, we liked the tight pile of the product and the detail present in the weave. We also felt that the carpet tiles would not only be robust, but would stand up to wheeled traffic as well, a specific issue in libraries."

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In two phases spaced a year apart, Antron® carpet fibre has helped provide students with stylish underfoot performance in the University of Reading's main library.

The first phase of this impressive refurbishment took place in the summer of 2014, with the second and fifth floors equipped with over 2,000 m² of Quadrant Carpets Perspective and Elements carpet tiles, featuring Antron® Lumena™ carpet fibre. The second floor of the main library consists of a double height reading room that is used for collaborative study along with extensive book stacks. On the fifth floor, two silent study rooms have been created from several smaller rooms. The linear design of Perspective in the warm neutrals of Kar provides the main backdrop with the heavy textural quality of Elements providing demarcation of surrounding areas in the striking purple of Zigana. During phase two of the library's refurbishment, 3,380m² of Quadrant Carpet tiles were installed on remaining floors. Again, Perspective and Elements designs were used, with 2,000m² of Perspective Kar, 800m² of Elements Athabasca and 580m² of Elements Pasu in hues comprising light and dark greys alongside a

statement green colour.

"The performance of the carpet was absolutely vital, particularly as the library had issues with the previous carpet. We needed to be confident that the carpet tiles not only perform physically, but also maintain their appearance. They had to be easy to clean and of course stay looking good. The Antron® name was a key influence in our decision to use Quadrant Carpets, as it provides the reassurance of a quality product, proven in commercial environments."

The Antron® Lumena™ fibres used in phase one still look excellent. Since installation, these carpets have been cleaned several times and still look as good as new.

"The product has been very successful, so it was a 'no brainer' to use it again. The design in phase two was the same, although we used different accent colours to phase one. The library historically looked very similar floor-to-floor, so we've attempted to give each space more of its own identity."



→ Antron® carpet fibres with hollow filaments minimize soil accumulation and make dirt harder to see. The hollow filaments refract and diffuse light and hide the dirt while the specially designed surfaces readily release the dirt, making cleaning easier.

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