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(57) Abstract: Disclosed are carpet products comprising at least one flexible substrate and at least one coating layer associated with the at least one flexible substrate. The coating layer is formed from an aqueous composition comprising: A) an emulsifier-stabilized vinyl acetate/ethylene (VAE) emulsion copolymer dispersion wherein the VAE copolymer therein comprises comonomers which include at least vinyl acetate copolymerized with ethylene and optionally also with other additional functional and/or non-functional co-monomers; and B) at least one particulate filler material selected from particulate inorganic compounds and particulate plastic material. The vinyl acetate/ethylene copolymer in the copolymer dispersion has a particle size, d_w , ranging from about 50 to about 500 nm as determined by Laser Aerosol Spectroscopy. Such carpet products maintain their integrity and appearance after multiple machine washing operations. Some of these carpet products which have backing coated with certain of the coating compositions used herein also exhibit desirable non-slip properties.



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