



Vacuum Cleaners That Really Do The Job

(NAPSA)—Here's some knowledge that may help clear the air at your home or office:

A testing certification program by carpet manufacturers makes it easier to choose a vacuum cleaner that not only works more efficiently but may improve the quality of your home's indoor air.

Today, air quality in the indoor environment is of utmost concern and importance. One of the ways to protect the indoor air quality (IAQ) is to keep all indoor surfaces—including carpet—as clean as possible. Carpet's filter-like effect holds dust, keeping it out of the air until it can be vacuumed.

Carpet manufacturers want to be sure that the homeowner and workplace manager are able to identify vacuum cleaners that will do a good job of removing dirt and dust (containing the dust within the vacuum cleaner and filter bag) and not damage the carpet. Keeping the dust out of the air helps in keeping all surfaces clean and in the quality of the indoor environment.

The carpet industry's voluntary IAQ Vacuum Cleaner Testing program has led to an IAQ Testing program label, developed by the Carpet and Rug Institute (CRI), which is attached to vacuum cleaners (both residential and commercial) that meet the carpet manufacturing industry's performance standard for positive contributions to indoor air quality and care for the carpet.

This label makes it much eas-



Vacuum cleaners may help improve the air quality in homes. Look for this logo. 

ier for consumers and professionals to identify and purchase vacuum cleaners that do their cleaning jobs well while protecting the quality of indoor air.

The CRI program identifies vacuum cleaners that must perform each of three tasks well: (1) soil removal, (2) dust containment (without putting the dust back into the air), and (3) carpet appearance retention.

The label appears on machine packaging, merchandising displays and hang tags. The logo may also be permanently placed on the machine itself.

For a list of vacuum cleaners that have been tested and bear the label, visit CRI's Web site at www.carpet-rug.com.