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(54) **A moquette**

(57) A moquette comprising a treading layer and a supporting layer, characterized in that the treading layer is made of at least 60 to 70% of cashmere fibre.

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Description

[0001] The present invention relates to a moquette.

[0002] Moquettes of a known type are made up of a treading layer, referred to as "pile", and a supporting layer, which may be made of jute, cotton, or synthetic fibre.

[0003] The treading layer may be made of natural fibres, such as wool, or else synthetic fibres, such as polyamide, polypropylene, acrylic, and polyester fibres, or else mixed fibres, and, so far, products made of wool, above all pure virgin wool, have proven to be the ones that afford the greatest prestige, providing comfort, beauty, and a high resilience.

[0004] The purpose of the present invention is to provide a moquette, which, whilst maintaining unaltered the technical characteristics of resistance and resilience so far reached by moquettes made of pure virgin wool, will also be suitable for being laid in environments of high prestige and in contexts of representation.

[0005] According to the present invention a moquette is provided, which comprises a treading layer and a supporting layer, said moquette being characterized in that the treading layer is made of at least 60 to 70% cashmere fibre.

[0006] A non-limiting example of embodiment of the invention will now be described, according to which a moquette is provided, which comprises a treading layer made of cashmere fibre in a percentage ranging between at least 60 to 70% and 100%, and a supporting layer preferably made of jute.

[0007] The treading layer and the supporting layer are woven simultaneously on traditional looms with a height of 400 cm, and the moquette is formed by four yarns of velvet and one of bouclé, which enables a light and delicate striped effect to be obtained, on a smooth and regular surface.

[0008] In addition, the cashmere fibre is produced using a yarn of pure cashmere that has not undergone any chemical treatment and can present at least three natural colour variants.

[0009] The percentage of the cashmere fibre in the treading layer will depend upon the aesthetic characteristics, the characteristics of feel, and the technical characteristics that are to be bestowed upon the moquette itself. It goes without saying that the closer the percentage approaches 100%, the greater will be the aesthetic impact and impact in terms of feel of the moquette, without this, however, implying any modifications in the technical characteristics.

[0010] The absence of any chemical treatment of the cashmere yarn bestows upon the moquette an appearance and a substance that are extraordinarily natural, rendering the moquette itself suitable for particularly luxurious environments, such as, for instance, not only luxury dwellings, but also aeroplanes, helicopters, and private yachts.

[0011] The moquette described above, in addition to presenting high characteristics of resistance and resilience, is not only useful as a coating for floors, but constitutes an element of furnishing that is highly valid for luxury environments, as well as enabling the users to enjoy the emotion of pure cashmere both from the visual point of view and in terms of feel underfoot.

[0012] It is understood that the invention is not limited to the embodiment described herein, which is to be considered merely as an example of embodiment of the moquette, which may, instead, undergo further modifications as regards the forms and arrangement of parts, and details of production.

Claims

1. A moquette comprising a treading layer and a supporting layer, **characterized in that** the treading layer is made of at least 60 to 70% of cashmere fibre.

2. The moquette according to Claim 1, **characterized in that** the treading layer is made 100% of cashmere fibre.

3. The moquette according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, **characterized in that** the supporting layer is preferably made of jute.

4. The moquette according to Claim 1, or Claim 2, or Claim 3, **characterized in that** the treading layer and the supporting layer are woven simultaneously on traditional looms.

5. The moquette according to Claim 4, **characterized in that** it is formed by four yarns of velvet and one of bouclé.

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