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### MICRONISED SODIUM SULFATE CARPET BACKING COMPOUNDS

- PP and PE extrusion-coated backings for woven carpets.
- Hot melt backcoating systems based on PE/EVA.
- Polymer-modified bitumen backings for <u>carpet tiles</u>.
- Secondary stabilizing layers behind tufted carpets.

#### **INDUSTRY FOCUS**

- Woven Carpets
- Hot melt Backcoating systems
- Carpet tiles
- Tufted carpets

#### BENEFITS OF USING MICRONISED SODIUM SULFATE

## Clean, neutral backing appearance

Maintains bright, uniform colour with minimal shade drift in light and pastel carpet systems.

#### Smooth surface formation in thin coatings

Fine, isotropic particles reduce surface defects, streaking, and speck formation.

#### Controlled stiffness without over-hardening

Adds weight and body while preserving flexibility for rolling and handling.

## Low equipment abrasion in high-speed coating lines

Softer mineral reduces wear on screws, barrels, and dies during continuous production.

#### Consistent performance across production batches

Industrial, controlled chemistry ensures repeatable shade and processing behavior.

## **Typical Dosage Levels & Role in Formulation**

Micronised Sodium Sulfate is typically used as a **secondary (co-filler)** rather than a primary bulk filler.

## Indicative addition levels (by weight of total compound):

- 5–15 % → performance tuning (appearance, smoothness, stiffness control)
- 15–30 % → partial replacement of primary mineral fillers
- >30 % → application-specific, requires formulation optimization

Its function is not cost-only filling, but optical, rheological, and surface control.