

INTERFACE AT WORK
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER



PRODUCT: ENTROPY®
Colorways: Chance,
Metamorphosis, Myriad
and Variations

Assignment: Provide a high performance floorcovering that could meet the facilities' practical needs while satisfying environmental principles

Location: Houston, Texas

Architect: Rives Taylor, Manager of Architecture

Installation: McCoy Floor Covering (Re:Source Installer of the Year 2001)

Products: Route 66™, Analog™, Wabi Weave™ and Entropy®



Interface's *Entropy* modular carpet is used in four different colorways in this training room in the University's Health Science Center.

The *University of Texas Health Science Center* at Houston (UTHSCH) is a comprehensive health science center with schools of medicine, dentistry, public health, nursing, biomedical sciences and health informatics. The University community includes more than 4,700 faculty and staff and over 3,100 students.

In addition to serving as an educational leader, the University strives to provide a healthier, cleaner and more environmentally friendly campus by minimizing its use of natural resources and man made compounds. The tenets of sustainability inform every choice at UTHSCH. The University is particularly careful when selecting materials for use in its facilities, taking into account environmental impacts at every stage of a material's lifecycle, from manufacture to reclamation.

Interface met the University's high standards by offering a variety of environmentally-responsible products, including a PVC-free backing alternative, NexStep®. Interface products also supported the University's Indoor Environmental Quality initiatives: every Interface carpet includes antimicrobial protection against a broad spectrum of molds, mildew and bacteria; Interface carpets are certified for low VOC emissions; and all Interface adhesives are water-based, containing "zero" calculated VOCs.

Entropy carpet in the colorway *Chance* livens up the University legal department's library.



“Interface’s products meet our facilities’ standards for **indoor air quality, reuse and recycling** of existing materials, **reduced environmental footprint** of manufacturing processes, and **not overwhelming landfills** during the manufacturing process or at the end of a product’s useful life.”

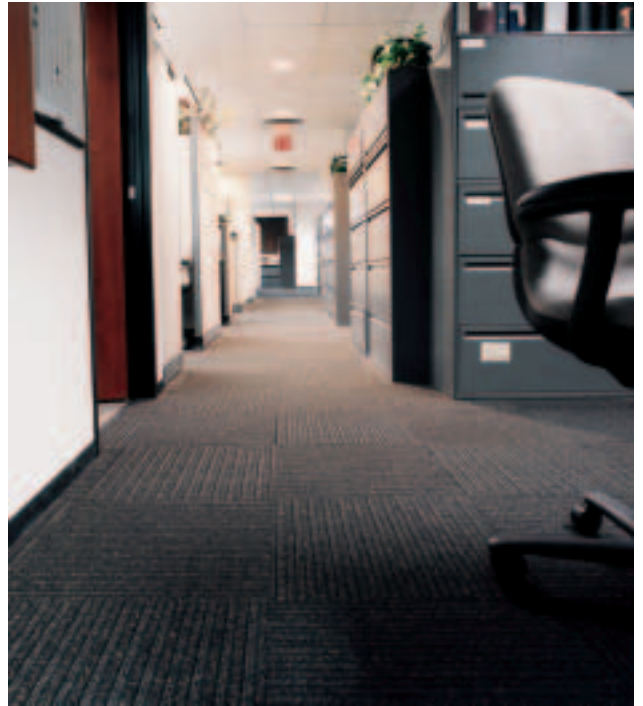
Linda Paisley, Materials Specialist,
Office of Facility Planning and Campus Development, University of Texas - Houston

“The **Interface team** delivered solutions that met the needs of the University, including quality products, installation services, and service after the sale. It has been a **positive** and **synergistic** relationship with a fellow **Natural Step Organization.**”

Brian K. Yeoman, Associate Vice President,
Office of Facilities Planning and Campus Development, University of Texas-Houston



For a busy corridor of the University's Dental School, the facilities and architectural team chose the product *Route 66* in the colorway *Beaumont*.



Wabi Weave, an Interface product that delivers maximum value with minimal material, gives the Administration offices in the University's Center Tower a clean, corporate feel.



Entropy provides color that complements the neutral tones of the legal department's administrative offices.

A mix of *Entropy* colorways - *Chance*, *Metamorphosis*, *Myriad* and *Variations* - were used in the Health Science Center's conference and meeting areas.



For more information about University of Texas Houston Health Science Center's sustainability initiatives, visit <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/sustainability>. For more information about **Interface Flooring Systems** products and services, contact us at **800.336.0225**, ext. **6511** or visit us on the web at www.interfaceflooring.com. To find out more about Interface, Inc.'s sustainability initiatives, visit <http://www.interfacesustainability.com>.

KEY CHALLENGES

•Display a commitment to environmental stewardship that is consistent with the core values of the University's facilities team.

•Assure fast delivery and problem-free installation to meet the University's tight schedule.

•Allow for easy and economical floor maintenance.

•Allow for easy access to underfloor cabling and HVAC systems.

•Promote consistently healthy Indoor Air Quality.

•Choose products that utilize innovative technology and manufacturing methods to reduce environmental footprint.

•Assure that existing carpet is responsibly reclaimed and kept out of landfills.

INTERFACE SOLUTIONS

•Both Interface and the UTHSCH Office of Facilities and Planning are members of The Natural Step, an organization dedicated to promoting systems and decision-making processes that will help assure a livable future.

•Interface modular carpet installs in half the time of conventional carpet. In addition, the University chose products from Interface's Quick Ship program, all of which were available within ten days of order.

•In-house staff can easily replace soiled or damaged carpet tiles. Plus, with our Entropy modular carpet, there's no worry about direction, orientation or varying dyelots. Replacement tiles always blend in perfectly with the existing floor.

•Interface modular carpet requires only minimal adhesives. And Interface adhesives are truly releasable, making it easy to lift and reposition tiles to access underfloor systems.

•Interface floorcoverings meet the CRI Green Label and State of Washington Protocol for low VOC emissions. Our adhesives are water based, producing "zero" calculated VOCs.

•Intersept®, our patented antimicrobial preservative, is permanently incorporated into the backing system of all Interface products to provide enhanced protection against the growth of a broad spectrum of deteriorating bacteria, mold and mildew that can cause odors and stains

•Interface's Entropy modular carpet is designed for resource-efficiency. Entropy installs with almost no waste and has a useful life nearly twice that of conventional carpet.

•Through efficient use of raw materials, use of recycled content and lifecycle planning, Interface offers smarter, more sustainable products.

•Interface's ReEntry™ carpet reclamation program is the most comprehensive of its kind. We will reclaim any carpet, no matter who manufactured it, and make sure it's responsibly recycled, reused or repurposed.