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HIGH STANDARDS: BENTLEY REINFORCES COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE MANUFACTURING

Bentley Premium™ Nylon Now Exclusively in Thrive®, Universal Fibers' Solution Dyed, Type 6,6 Yarn



Culinary Collection, made with Thrive® (style shown: On the Block)

Pacific Standard Time, made with ECONYL® (styles shown: Now-Then, Chronologies)

LOS ANGELES (JANUARY 2025)—<u>Bentley Mills</u> continues to strengthen its leadership in responsible commercial carpet manufacturing, announcing today that it will exclusively offer **Thrive**[®] in its Universal Fibers' solution-dyed yarn bank, the industry's first and only U.S. company to do so. Part of the **Bentley Premium™ Nylon** yarn systems, Thrive—a Type 6,6 solution-dyed nylon—is among the most sustainable, high-performance carpet fibers available to the market today.

"Bentley chooses not to make its own nylon in house," explained Jay Brown, President and COO, Bentley Mills. "Rather, we source and purchase from the absolute experts in the field of yarn manufacturing to create Bentley Premium Nylon. We are a premium brand and so are our yarn partners—Universal Fibers among them."

The Universal/Thrive partnership raises Bentley's minimum percentage of recycled content to 75% in its yarn, while also creating lower carbon impact scores and increasing waste diversion from landfills in the yarn creation process. The use of Thrive has reduced the company's carbon footprint by almost 50% on some products.

In addition to Thrive, the current Bentley Premium Nylon yarn system includes ECONYL[®] from Aquafil, the world's only 100% regenerated and regenerable nylon.

"By working with the marketplace to source the finest fiber, Bentley remains nimble while ensuring our standards—in quality, performance and service—remain high," added Brown. "We are accountable for our choices."

All Bentley-manufactured carpet products are PVC-free, PFAS free, and Red List Free, Cradle to Cradle Certified[™], NSF[®] 140 certified, CRI Green Label Plus certified, and produced in a LEED[®]-EB:OM Gold-certified manufacturing facility. They carry third-party verified Declare labels, Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) and Health Product Declarations (HPDs).

For more about Bentley's products and commitment to responsible manufacturing, visit bentleymills.com.

About Bentley

For more than 45 years, Bentley Mills manufactures and markets award-winning broadloom, carpet tile, LVT, and Prima Vista[™] wool area rugs for interiors across the globe. The California-based brand is recognized for its innovative designs, responsible manufacturing practices and unwavering commitment to quality. Its partnerships with other industry leaders contribute to the company's ability to deliver premium solutions that define style, color, quality and service while benefiting the environment, community and end-user. All Bentley-made carpet—produced in the only LEED[®]-EBOM Gold certified carpet mill—is PVC free, PFAS free, and Red List Free. Visit Bentley at <u>bentleymills.com</u> or on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>LinkedIn Facebook</u> and <u>Pinterest</u>.

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