



THE CARE, CLEANING & MAINTENANCE OF MATS

All mats supplied by Advanced Matting are made by reputable manufacturers using first-class materials. As such the mats are excellent for the purposes for which they are sold.

Among the many features of these mats is their slip-resistance. However, great care needs to be taken both in the placement of these mats and the care of the mats and the floor itself to ensure that the mats will not slip, and that they will have a good life-span.

Floors may be naturally slippery or may become slippery due to maintenance methods employed or as a result of substances deposited on them. This may cause slip accidents even though mats are employed.

It is essential that floors and the mat itself be kept clean. Cleaning solutions themselves should also be carefully washed off mats.

Carpet Faced Entrance Mats:

Except for those edges over which it is not possible to walk such as an edge hard up against a wall or except where a mat is to be placed in a recess, all mats should be edged to help reduce the possibility of tripping or stumbling. These edges should be maintained in good condition and repaired or replaced if damaged. Be careful when polishing or scrubbing floors around a mat that the pad or brush does not make contact with the edge. It is better to remove the mat whilst cleaning.

The floor beneath the mat must be clean and free of grit, sand or dirt. If placed on a shiny, slippery floor the mat may need to be secured. On some carpet surfaces the mat may move and should therefore be secured. Various devices are available for this purpose.

Vacuum or sweep the carpet face daily. The mat should be dry and all dirt, grit or sand must be removed. Oily dirt cannot be removed in this way. In this case wash with a neutral, water-based detergent with warm water. Preferably spray the detergent onto the carpet face, agitate the surface with a broom or soft brush. Rinse the mat with clean water ensuring all detergent and emulsified dirt is removed. This may require more than one rinse. Rinsing may be done with a hose. Do NOT use solvent cleaners, highly alkaline cleaners, hot water, and rotary scrubbers. Citrus based emulsifying solvents may be used to remove bubble/chewing gum. Contact Advanced Matting for advice on what to use.

Hot water extraction or carpet bonnets may be used as they would on carpets. Follow manufacturer's instruction.

Allow the mat to dry before putting it back into service. Avoid banging the mat edging or standing the mat on end while storing or drying. Lay flat to dry. The mat may be rolled but not folded. Rolling the mat fibre face out will allow the weight of the mat to flatten it when it is unrolled onto the ground.

Rubber and Plastic mats:

Mats should always be placed on a spotlessly clean floor, free of dirt, sand, grit, oil, fat, detergents, and floor cleaner residue.

Solid surface mats, used in dry areas, should be cleaned regularly with a neutral or slightly alkaline (up to Ph9) detergent containing NO solvents. Rinse thoroughly to remove all traces of detergent. Allow the mat to dry. The intervals between cleans depends on how dirty the mat becomes and could vary from daily through weekly.

Mats with drainage surfaces that have moulded holes should also be cleaned as above. You should also thoroughly clean the underside of the mat in a similar manner. Allow the mat to dry before placing it back in service. Keep the mat flat at all times.

It is essential that you clean the floor beneath the mat as well as cleaning the mat. In the presence of any oils or fats or greases (e.g. kitchens or machine shops) the floor must be scrupulously cleaned with a suitable floor cleaning detergent. However, such a detergent may be strongly alkaline and may contain solvents, so avoid using such a detergent on the mat itself.

Once the floor is thoroughly cleaned, rinse it several times with clean water to ensure all residual detergent is completely removed. If this is not done, any liquid passing through the drainage holes may reactivate the detergent residue and result in the mat moving or slipping or even being damaged.

Do not use butyl based cleaners on any matting.