

## Cleaning & Maintenance Pointers

Proper daily and scheduled maintenance ensures the mat will do its job for years.

We recommend the following cleaning procedures:

### **NOTE: ALWAYS TEST NEW CLEANING PRODUCTS IN AN INCONSPICUOUS PLACE**

#### ■ DAILY MAINTENANCE

Daily vacuuming of your mat is essential for optimum performance. Any upright dual vacuum, or one fitted with a power head rotating brush also can be used.

Spot removal should be done daily or as necessary.

#### ■ SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

##### *DRY EXTRACTION*

For regular, scheduled cleaning a dry extraction method is recommended. Dry extraction products contain all the necessary cleaning liquids. Brushing cleaner into the mat with the machine or brush causes the cleaner to wipe and absorb the soil from the fibers. Then the soiled cleaner is picked up with the vacuum.

This method is especially useful given the following conditions:

- When quick, effective removal of spots including oil and grease is needed.
- Where the use of water could cause problems.
- In areas which are in use 24 hours a day.

When cleaning the mat, the following steps should be followed:

1. Pre-vacuum the area to be cleaned to remove dry soil.
2. Apply the dry systems cleaner into the soiled area.
3. Work the cleaner into the pile with a brush or machine, allowing the cleaner to absorb the dirt.
4. After brushing the area in one direction, turn 90° and brush again.
5. Finally, vacuum up the soiled cleaner. The area is ready for immediate use.

##### *WET EXTRACTION*

When the mat is in danger of being saturated with dirt or soil, it can be cleaned with a water extraction method. In order to obtain optimum results, loose dirt should first be removed first with a vacuum.

Water (with or without detergents) is sprayed, under high pressure, onto the mat and extracted together with the dissolved dirt. The water acts as a carrier for the dirt.

It is important to note that when detergents have been used, the mat must be rinsed with clean water to ensure no chemicals are left behind.

Because of the quality of the yarns, the method in which the yarn has been dyed and the waterproof backing, the extraction cleaning method can be used frequently without the loss of appearance to the mat.

##### *POINTS TO NOTE:*

- Water temperature should not exceed 140°F.
- Use detergents sparingly
- Only use chemical suitable for the cleaning of carpets
- Strictly follow chemical manufacturer's instructions
- Never use chemical that contain chlorinated hydrocarbons.