

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INTEGRA ENTRANCE MAT

The performance of entrance matting system is dependent how well it is maintained. Entrance mat and matwell should be regularly cleaned and maintained to ensure that the mat maintains its effective performance, as well as ensuring a long life span for the product.

A planned maintenance programme should be developed in relation to the amount of traffic passing over the entrance mats.

The frequency of cleaning will depend on traffic volume. The greater the amount of traffic, the stricter the cleaning regime should be. As a general rule the mats should be rolled up and matwell vacuumed weekly in heavy traffic areas.

During summer, maintenance level may not need to be so intensive as during winter months.

Integra entrance mat has open construction. Open construction provides spaces for dirt and moisture to fall through the matting into the matwell base.



Integra entrance mat will need to be rolled up periodically to allow the matwell to be thoroughly vacuumed. All stones and grit particles should be picked up.



Integra entrance mat is designed to collect dirt, dust and sand and hide them in the mat. Regular cleaning of the mat is recommended in order to keep the mat looking new and maintaining a presentable entrance.

Top surface of entrance mat is easy to clean by using a powerful vacuum cleaner. If necessary, hose down the mat with a garden hose or spray down with high pressure washer.

Connections of modular tiles should be checked and damaged tiles should be replaced immediately. Due to interlocking modular system, it is very easy and inexpensive to replace a damaged tile with a new one.



The following are recommendations on the most effective cleaning and maintenance methods for Integra entrance mat with carpet inserts.

Dry dirt

Dry dirt consists primarily of dust and sand. Sand can damage the quality of the pile because it is as hard as glass. It is therefore important to vacuum it up as quickly as possible. Otherwise, the shine and texture of the carpet inserts of Integra mat will deteriorate.

Wet dirt

Wet dirt consists chiefly of water containing dry dirt and is visible as a stain. Allow Integra entrance mat to dry thoroughly (this takes place more rapidly in a well-ventilated space) and then treat the stain as dry dirt.

Daily maintenance

The most effective method is to use a powerful vacuum cleaner together with a rotating brush. Vacuum slowly and in every direction across the mat. This is the most effective way to loosen and remove the dirt embedded in the pile. This also pulls the threads of the pile upwards, making the entrance mat look like new. If dirt is allowed to accumulate, the mat will quickly become permeated, thereby reducing its effectiveness. This can be prevented by daily vacuuming.



Periodic maintenance

In spite of daily maintenance, the entrance mat will become permeated with dirt over time. This significantly reduces the effectiveness, dirt-concealing and absorbing properties of the mat. Intense periodic maintenance is therefore necessary to maintain the effectiveness of the mat as well as significantly reduces any visible tracks.

The best periodic cleaning method for Integra entrance mat is the spray extraction method. This treatment entails spraying water into the pile under high pressure and then vacuuming it up together with the dirt. If the entrance mat becomes very filthy, (pH neutral) cleaning agents can be added to the water. However, it is important that the residual cleaning agent be thoroughly removed because any residual soap can quickly attract dirt again. We therefore recommend carrying out the spray extraction method using water only. Allow the entrance mat to dry thoroughly following treatment. This process will take place more quickly if the space is well ventilated.

Tip:

Allow the mat to dry thoroughly before using it again. The effectiveness of a dry entrance mat is significantly higher than that of a damp one.

Stains

Virtually any stain can be removed with water. There are also effective solutions for removing other types of stains. The following rule applies to all stains: treat them as quickly as possible!

Pay attention to:

Household remedies or cleaning agent mixtures can be dangerous. Many stains are the result of improper treatment. Soap-containing cleaning agents only remove the stain temporarily at best. Many of these

agents can cause discolouration and there is a good chance you will permanently damage the dust control entrance mat or visibly alter its texture.

Stain treatment methods

There is a suitable solution for almost every stain. The stain overview on the next page contains a list of the various substances that cause stains and the best method for treating them (old and new stains).

Method 1

First, remove any solid parts using a spoon. Next, wet a terry cloth towel with cold water, wring it out and place it on the stain. Leave the towel in place until it is saturated, then replace it with another one until the stain no longer gives off any liquid. Leave the towel in place until it is fully dry.

Method 2

Always test in an inconspicuous spot for colour and material fastness: apply, allow to absorb for 12 hours and then check the stain. Allow the surface to dry thoroughly. Spread stain remover across the dry stain. Also spread stain remover on a terry cloth towel and cover the stain with it. Allow the stain to dry. If necessary, allow to absorb for 12 hours and repeat the treatment.

Method 3

Spread stain remover on a dry terry cloth towel. Remove the stain using wide, even strokes and then rub the stain dry.

Method 4

Spread stain remover on top of and below the stain and leave for 5 minutes. Scrape off the soaked-off dirt with a spoon and rub out any remainders of the stain with wide, even strokes using a dry terry cloth towel. Repeat if necessary.

STAIN OVERVIEW	New stains	Old stains
Food:		
- Candy, liquorice, ice cream and fruit	1	2
- Chewing gum	4	4
Drinks (coffee, tea or soft drinks)	1	2
Fats & oils (lubricants)	3	3
Adhesives and residual glue	4	4
Paint (solvent base or acrylic paint)	3	3
Bodily fluids (blood, urine)	1	2
Tracks	1	3
Mud	1	1
Allow to dry first. Vacuum up the dry dirt using a brush and then follow the instructions for the first method.		