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Recessed Grille Mats

Cleaning & Maintenance Instructions

General

During the winter months, remove foot grilles and clean frames and mat wells once per week. During other seasons, once per month should be sufficient. Each time you clean the frames and pans, make sure there are no residues or particles under the grilles. This will prevent foot grilles from warping due to an uneven substrate and prevent long-term problems. (Vacuuming is the most effective cleaning method.) **Never use chemicals** containing chlorinated hydrocarbons and bleaching/oxidizing agents on grille mats and never apply wax or other polishing products.

Daily Cleaning

1. Use a stiff brush to loosen and remove dry particles and fine soiling from the surface of the product. Use a vacuum to collect and remove loose soiling.
2. Alternatively, use a vacuum only to remove soil ensuring that the vacuum head moves along the component length to maximize soil removal. Note: it is important to make sure that the vacuum head has sufficient depth to penetrate the different surfaces in order to remove soil from the wiper strips and the aluminum/PVC components.
3. For dry spills, brush into a receptacle or vacuum to remove. For small wet spills, use a clean cloth or other absorbent material to soak up as much of the spill as possible. For large wet spills, use a wet/dry pick-up vacuum or a hot water extraction cleaning machine to remove dirt.
4. For chewing gum removal, ideally remove before it becomes hardened and compacted into the matting surface. Proprietary gum removal gels are readily available to assist removal. The grille mat components are able to withstand regular gum removal without affecting performance or structural integrity. Note: in removing chewing gum, the area affected will appear cleaner than the surrounding matting. The gum removal gel requires the use of a spatula; care should be taken not to damage the surface by using excessive force.

Periodic Cleaning (as needed, depending on degree of soiling)

Periodically, more thorough cleaning of the grilles in place can be conducted if needed. Dry extraction or solution brush extraction may be used.

1. Dry extraction uses a moist compound that is impregnated with cleaning chemicals which can be applied using a stiff brush or mechanically driven applicator with counter rotating brushes. The compound should be left to absorb the soil for a short period and then removed by vacuuming.
2. Solution brush extraction uses machines with counter rotating brushes, which introduce a cleaning solution to the products surface and return the soiled solution straight to the machine. Note: it is important to ensure surface moisture is extracted from the products' surface to avoid premature soiling.
3. Clean aluminum surfaces with soap and hot water, then allow mat to dry.

In addition, periodically lift up the matting modules to allow thorough cleaning. This also allows for inspection of the mat well to check on the condition as well as facilitating reversal of modules if appropriate.

1. Vacuum mat well surface to remove soil prior to lifting up modules. Use a large screwdriver to carefully lift individual matting modules from the mat well.
2. Clean out soil filtrated to the base of the mat well and frame. Depending on the degree of soiling, clean the matting using the above methods or, in excessive soil situations, hot water extraction or jet wash methods may be more appropriate. Note: it is important that the modules are fully dry before replacing.

Exceptions:

- When cleaning mats manufactured with rubber hinges, inspect the hinges and locking mechanism to ensure that all parts are securely attached and are functioning properly. Any parts not functioning properly should be replaced to avoid further problems.
- A stainless-steel cleaner can be utilized, if desired, to maintain surface shine on stainless steel mats; Simple Green or Sheila Shine are good options. Just follow the manufacturer's directions on whatever cleaner is chosen.

Replacement inserts are available via our website or phone.

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