



Maintenance Instructions for Carpet Treads

The carpet insert in your Perfec Clean entry mat or grate system will retain its beautiful new appearance for many years if a simple plan of regular maintenance is followed. It is important to establish this plan when the product is new, because the longer the soil remains in the carpet, the more difficult it is to remove. The type and schedule of maintenance is dependent upon the location, the amount of traffic and the type of soil. We recommend the following:

1. **Inspection for spots and stains** should be a daily routine. Remove all spots immediately to avoid permanent damage to carpet fibers. If the spill is a liquid, blot up as much as possible with a soft absorbent paper towel or clean white cloth. If the spill is semi-solid, scrape with a spoon or spatula and then blot with a damp sponge. Work from the edge of a spot to the center to keep the problem from spreading.

Two types of spot remover can be used. For oily stains such as tar, paint, grease, etc. a nonflammable dry cleaning solvent works best. However, caution should be taken to first test for color fastness. Put a few drops in an inconspicuous area, then press the area with a clean white cloth for 10 seconds. If there is evidence of loose dye, do not use. For other spills such as coffee, tea pet stains, etc. a dry soil extractor can be used. Follow manufacturer's directions for this product.

If these methods are unsuccessful, replacement strips are available.

2. **Vacuum Schedule:** A heavy duty vacuum cleaner with a rotating brush is the most effective way to routinely clean the carpet in your entry mat or grate system. By vibrating the fibers, this type of vacuum not only cleans the surface of the carpet, but removes soil that is embedded into the pile. It also aids in keeping the pile upright for longer lasting beauty. Clean heaviest traffic areas weekly or as necessary. Caution should be exercised when vacuuming near the carpet insert ends to avoid pulling the strips out of the tread rails.

1. **Carpet Cleaning Schedule:** Carpet should be deep cleaned when vacuuming will no longer remove the soil. This may be monthly, quarterly, or longer depending on soil and traffic conditions. Systems such as aerosols, foams, hot water extraction, or shampoo will work, but may leave a sticky detergent residue which will accelerate resoiling. Be extremely careful when selecting a method of this type. We recommend a dry cleaning system for several reasons:
 - a. Delayed resoiling
 - b. Convenience. Carpet remains dry allowing you to clean when and where you want.
 - c. Safe. No carpet damage from dye bleeding and reduces possible accidents caused by slipping on wet carpet.

Maintenance Instructions for Serrated Aluminum Treads

Your Perfec Clean serrated tread mat or grating will retain its handsome appearance for years with a minimum amount of maintenance. The location and traffic load will determine the frequency of cleaning required. We recommend the following cleaning procedures:

The serrated aluminum tread should be cleaned as necessary with a soft bristle brush or a damp mop using mild detergent.



Maintenance Instructions for Polybrush Treads

Weekly

Vacuum with upright type vacuum equipped with good beater brush. May use a stiff hand brush to remove lodged debris not removed by vacuuming.

Oil based soil and stains may be removed using a solvent based carpet cleaner.

Water based soil and stains may be removed using a all-purpose neutral cleaner.

Monthly

Shampoo with rotary shampooer, extractor, or other commercial cleaning machine. More frequent cleaning (weekly or monthly) is dependent on the amount of foot traffic utilizing your entry mat.

For more unusual situations, such as store remodeling, an immediate shampoo cleaning may be deemed necessary upon completion of entire project.

Note:

The above brush tread maintenance instructions are suggestions to maintain and enhance the look of your entry mat. Conditions regarding weather, foot traffic, and general use will vary.

Maintenance Instructions for Vinyl Treads

The vinyl Insert tread should be cleaned as necessary with a soft bristle brush or damp mop using a mild detergent and water, to remove soil. Avoid using strong solvents, especially petroleum based as they mar the vinyl surface.

The mat or grate sections should be removed from their recess and this area cleaned periodically to remove accumulations of dirt trapped by the Perfec Clean system. The location and traffic load will determine the frequency of cleaning required