

CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATION: **mat-lok** MATS

Up to 80% of all dirt and grime in a building is tracked in on people's feet. This acts as a grinding powder which tarnishes, damages and eventually destroys all floor finishes. Grit scores tiles and makes crevasses for dirt to accumulate in.

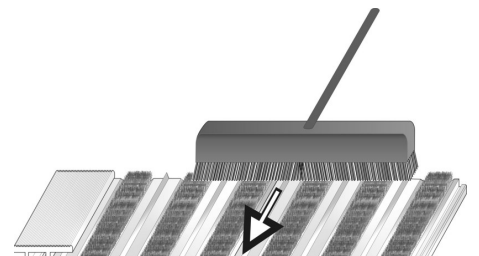
mat-lok barrier mats were specifically chosen for your building to take the dirt off peoples feet *before* they walk on your floor surfaces inside. These mats are highly electrostatic, to act like a vacuum cleaner on the soles of peoples shoes and keep your interior clean.

The **mat-lok** mats in your entrances attract up to 95% of the dirt off the shoes of patrons entering your premises and they need to be kept clean in order to give you years of outstanding service.

It is helpful to remember that for a barrier mat to effectively vacuum dirt and mud off shoe soles, it needs to be cleaned every day. In trapping the dirt and mud, it inevitably becomes filled with muck and, like any dustbin, needs to be cleaned out regularly. As long as the procedure below is followed correctly, a very high percentage of the grime normally tracked in on shoe soles will be stopped *before* it can do damage to your floors, thus preserving the attractive life-span of your floor finishes.

Daily regime

1. The mats need to be brushed rigorously using a stiff bristled deck brush (sweeping with the grain of the mat) to loosen the dirt in the pile with a strong vacuum thereafter, up to three times a day where possible and/or necessary. This is the most important function in maintaining these mats regularly. *Best results are obtained by **dedicating** one or two staff members to the task of keeping the mats clean.*



2. Chewing gum, engine oil, grease, stains, spilt food and sauces, etc., should be spot cleaned. Where chemicals are not available, lacquer thinners can be used for stubborn objects.
3. In inclement weather and over especially busy periods like Christmas, Easter and other long weekends, this regime may have to be increased accordingly.

Deep cleaning

4. Owing to the functionality of the mats, they *do* attract huge volumes of dirt and if the above regime is neglected this accumulates and cakes up the pile, which undermines the efficiency of the mat. Normal sweeping and vacuuming as above becomes insufficient if the mat maintenance has been neglected and a deep clean remedy becomes necessary. Best results for a deep clean are obtained using a high pressure agitator spray with a minimum of cleaning chemicals, until all the dirt has been wrestled out of the mats.

Keeping to this regime will maintain the functional properties of the absorbent electrostatic buffed-nylon pile for years to come.