

Classic Integra Vantt, Verse and Link Entrance Matting

Care Guide

Regular and thorough maintenance of your Entrance Matting is essential to ensure optimum performance. It will help keep the Classic Integra entrance matting system active and help to effectively halt the dirt and moisture carried inside, and in turn maintaining the life and safety of your floors.

Do

Daily

It is essential to remove dry soiling at least once a day. The most effective method is to use a powerful vacuum cleaner that incorporates a mechanically driven rotating brush attachment. Standard back-pack type suction only vacuum cleaners are not sufficient.

Vacuum in the direction of the profiles (not perpendicular to the direction of the profiles).

- Use a stiff brush to loosen and remove dry particles and fine soiling from the surface of the product (Fig 2).
- Use a vacuum i.e. a rotating brush head unit to collect /remove loose soiling, ensuring that the vacuum head moves along the rib length to maximize soil removal. Make sure that the rotating brush vacuum head has sufficient depth to properly clean the base of the aluminium scraper bars to fully remove soiling.
- Dry spills, can be brushed into a receptacle or vacuumed to remove.
- Small wet spills, can be soaked up as much as possible using a clean cloth or other absorbent material.
- Large wet spills, should be quickly cleaned up using a wet/dry pick-up vacuum or a hot water extraction cleaning machine to remove dirt.
- Chewing gum must be removed as soon as it appears, especially before it becomes hardened and compacted into the matting surface reducing appearance and performance. Proprietary gum removal systems such as freezing sprays or gels are readily available to assist removal. The matting components are able to withstand regular gum removal without affecting performance or structural integrity

Weekly/Monthly

- The matting should be carefully rolled back, section by section, and the base of the matwell thoroughly swept/vacuumed (Fig 4.).
- Any debris caught in the mat should be removed, and then the matting rolled back into position.
- Take care not to drag the matting - the Classic Integra Vantt and Link is designed to simply roll up and unroll again. Dragging the matting could cause damage.

- Closed construction, non-rollable matting such as Classic Integra Verse should follow the daily routine, but in addition wiping the aluminium channels with a mild detergent to help free any soiling.

Periodically

Periodically, a more thorough cleaning of the matting in place can be conducted. Dry extraction or solution brush extraction may be used, but the use of strong cleaning chemicals should be avoided. Before beginning the extraction process, use a stiff bristle broom to loosen and remove heavy dirt deposits and fine soiling from the surface of the product (Fig 2), and then use a vacuum to collect and remove loose soiling. It is especially important for aluminium ribbed matting to scrub along the direction of the ribs.

NOTE: It is important to always ensure surface moisture is extracted from the products' surface to avoid premature soiling.

Full Remove and Clean

Periodically carefully remove the matting and thoroughly clean / vacuum out the mat well and frames (Fig 1). This also allows for inspection of the mat well to check on the condition, as well as facilitating rotation of modules if appropriate.

- Vacuum the mat surface to remove soil prior to removal.
- Clean out soil filtrated to the base of the matwell and frame (Fig 4.). 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 (Fig 3.). Temperatures must not exceed 60°C.
- It is important that the matting and the mat wells are fully dry before reinstating (Fig 5.).
- Re-install the mats to the correct locations, following the approved guide. Do not force mat sections into place.

Maintain the Mat Well

Periodically check and clean the mat well to ensure it is perfectly smooth and level (Fig 4.). There should be no residue or debris remaining under the mats. This will avoid warping of the matting because of an uneven substrate and prevent long term problems.

Specialist Advice

Contact Classic Architectural Group for a specialist mat and mat well inspection and report to ensure the optimum performance of your entrance matting. As with all matting, when subject to heavy wheeled traffic (i.e. scissor lifts / pallet trucks etc) it should be suitably protected with plywood boards.

Don't

- Use standard type back-pack suction only vacuum cleaners for cleaning.
- Steam clean or commercially dry clean.
- Use cleaning chemicals containing chlorinated hydrocarbons and/or bleaching/oxidizing agents.
- Clean using commercial 'ride-on' style floor cleaners / scrubbers with circular rotating heads. These only act to clean the dirt off their cleaning pads from the surrounding floors onto the matting.

PLEASE NOTE

Careful and regular maintenance is necessary to ensure applicable warranties are not voided.

This information is based on our experience to date and the results of careful testing. Varying site conditions and methods of use may influence the practical application.

This information is offered as a general guide only and specific advice should always be sought from a reputable cleaning professional before undertaking any cleaning or maintenance.

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