

## Mats Inc. Maintenance Instructions

### for Extreme Traffic Wall-to-Wall Carpet Matting 9800

*These instructions supersede any verbal or written instructions from Mats Inc. representatives, and must be followed in order for the warranty to be in effect.*

#### Overall

**Preventative maintenance:** Because 90% of all dirt in a building comes in on footwear, Mats Inc. strongly recommends installing and maintaining entrance matting (preferably permanently installed) at all outdoor entrances (20-30 linear feet for major entrances; less for infrequently used entrances). Doing this will improve indoor air quality, reduce flooring maintenance costs, and lengthen the life of your interior floors.

**Safety:** Always post “Wet floor” and/or “Caution” tape when wet maintenance is going to be performed. Refer to cleaners’ MSDS for any Personal Protective Equipment requirements.

- **Actions not to take:** Extreme Traffic Wall-to-Wall Carpet Matting 9800 matting does not require waxing, buffing, or stripping. Therefore, there is no need to apply any type of floor finishes or waxes.

#### Initial Cleaning

1. Vacuum (with heavy-duty commercial vacuum) the floor to remove all dirt and grit. **This is the single most important maintenance activity for preserving the floor’s appearance and performance – and typically the most overlooked and omitted.**
  - a. Use a heavy-duty commercial vacuum cleaner that features a rotary power brush or beater bar to remove deeply embedded dirt particles, especially in heavy traffic areas. Matting products release more soil when dry.

#### Daily Cleaning

1. Vacuum (with heavy-duty commercial vacuum) the floor to remove all dirt and grit. **This is the single most important maintenance activity for preserving the floor’s appearance and performance – and typically the most overlooked and omitted.**
  - a. Use a heavy-duty commercial vacuum cleaner that features a rotary power brush or beater bar to remove deeply embedded dirt particles, especially in heavy traffic areas. Matting products release more soil when dry.

## Weekly Cleaning

1. Remove matting from service.
2. Turn matting over and run beater bar, dry vacuum on back side of matting.
3. Pick up matting
4. Clean up dirt/debris from floor (sweep, vacuum, damp mop, etc.)
5. Place matting back in service and vacuum top surface of matting.
  - a. Use a heavy-duty commercial vacuum cleaner that features a rotary power brush or beater bar to remove deeply embedded dirt particles, especially in heavy traffic areas. Matting products release more soil when dry.

## As Needed

- **Spot Removal:** If a spill occurs, use a clean absorbent cloth or paper towel to absorb as much of the liquid as possible. Spray the stained area with an all-purpose spot remover and rub the surface with a clean white cloth. Turn the cloth often to a clean side. Grease or oil based stains may require a citrus-solvent based spot remover. All-purpose and citrus-solvent spot removers are available from your local janitorial supply distributor\*.

*\*Note – Always test spot removers in an inconspicuous area of the mat.*

- **Gum Removal:** Excess chewing gum should be scraped off with a standard putty knife. Chewing gum residue may require use of a citrus-solvent based spot remover or a chewing gum freezing chemical (aerosol) available locally at your janitorial supply distributor.

## Deep Cleaning

- Conduct deep cleaning as needed, when your routine cleaning is not meeting your expectations
- Extreme Traffic Wall-to-Wall Carpet Matting 9800 matting should be periodically deep cleaned by the Hot Water Extraction method. Best results and quickest dry times will be achieved with a commercial truck-mounted steam extraction machines. Extraction cleaning removes deeply embedded soils and should be performed as needed, based on your traffic count and soil level. A minimum quarterly extraction cleaning is recommended for high traffic applications, more often during winter months in traffic lanes.
- An alternative method is to use a high pressure washer (i.e. at self-service car wash). After using high pressure washer, hang mat up. Wash mat

thoroughly with an all-purpose cleaning solution. Rinse mat thoroughly. Let mat dry before returning mat to service area.