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Maintenance guide loop pile carpet tiles

Prevention during product development

During the development of our carpet tiles we take great effort to prevent adhesion of dirt to the carpet fibers. By doing so the carpet will be easier to maintain and clean. The use of Antron Lumina® and Antron Legacy® yarns is specifically chosen for this function.

We also use I-protect carpet™ (a dirt repellent agent) which forms a protective layer on the yarns against water, oil and other dirt. These high-tech yarns in combination with this protection make it possible to use lighter colors in your projects and keep a clean floor. Most dry dirt is easy to remove by vacuuming the carpet with rotating brushes.

Prevention measures to minimize pollution

It is easier to prevent getting dirt on your carpet than cleaning it. But when the carpet is dirty, make sure to clean it. Most pollution by dirt in carpet comes from dirty shoes and not vacuuming the carpet. Not vacuuming will give the dirt time to settle in between the yarns and make it harder to clean.

Prevention measures outside the building

It is necessary to practice prevention outside of the building. This is mainly to stop the dirt of coming into the building and on the carpet. Special dirt mats (by Coral or other brands) prevent most tough dirt of coming inside the building. The size of these mats are important and need to be customer for every building based on usage of the floor. The mats should be covering the total width plus 0,5 meter on each side and should be at least 2 meters long. These mats should be cleaned regularly according to manufacturer instructions.

Prevention inside the building

After the dirt mats outside of the building there is still some fine dirt left that might be moist. To minimize the amount of fine and moist dirt coming onto the carpet it is necessary to use dirt mats for inside usage as well. These dirt mats should be of good quality and suiting for the usage of the floor. Only special polyamide dirt mats qualify. One of the best is the Coral FR dirt mat. You can use a similar type of dirt mat for inside usage. Preferably this mat is about 6 meters long and cover the total width of the entrance plus 0,5 meters on each side. This dirt mat should be cleaned daily or very regularly depending on usage. To properly vacuum these mats the vacuum should be of a powerful kind and should have rotating brushes for a deeper clean.

During poor weather, extra attention is needed to clean these mats due to the heavier amounts of moist and dirt. Possibly brine could come on the carpet which is harmful to nylon. This extra dirt and moist can saturate the intake of dirt and moist of the mats. This can be prevented partially by using extra cotton mats (Hokatex) that absorb extra water and loose dirt.

Daily maintenance

Daily cleaning is necessary to remove debris from the carpet. Stains are to be removed daily or directly.

A powerful vacuum with middle hardness rotating brushes is needed. The adjustment of the brushes has to be set so the brushes can spin and work correctly. Use the manufacturer directions to find the correct settings.

We advise the following three vacuum cleaners or similar/newer:

SEBO model 360 or X2 with the black S brush

IVAC model UP 350

Vorwerk model VK 122 with brush ET340

Removing stains

Stains are to be removed as soon as possible.

There are multiple agents to clean the carpet correctly.

General stains:

HOST powder (rub in the stain & vacuum after 1 minute)

ChemDry (spray on the stain & rub with clean towel/cloth after 2 minutes)

TMC 520 (spray on the stain & rub with clean towel/cloth after 2 minutes)

Gum:

Freeze with nitrogen and tap off loose from the floor. Vacuum after.

Coffee stains:

Dry coffee: ChemDry Spot Remover(spray on the stain & rub with clean towel/cloth after 2 minutes)

Just spilled coffee: immediately dab with paper or cotton towel/cloth to absorb as much of the fluid as possible.

Always follow manufacturer instructions.

Periodic maintenance

Periodic maintenance and cleaning is required to remove the dirt that could be accumulated in the carpet over time by heavy usage or poor cleaning. It is up to the user to indicate when the carpet needs periodic cleaning (subjective). A schedule of periodic cleaning based on the wishes, experience and usage of the user is advised.

There are two types of cleaning that can be used on for the best results on our carpet.

1. Spray-extraction with the latest generation “Truck mount” cleaning system combined with fast-drying equipment.
It is important to use the right detergent in minimum quantities!
Only use with headpiece RX 20 rotary jet ex-tractor.
Detergent to be used is Otares Selfon 71. Dosage 3cc / liter (0,11 oz. / 0,27 gallons)
2. HOST powder. Please use the manufacturer instructions on cleaning your carpet with this powder. White bristles are required as described by the manufacturer.

Do not use so called “carpet shampoo” as they can damage the carpet.

Contact your local carpet cleaner company for a contract or advise.

We can provide you with cleaning contracts in the Netherlands.

Please contact our staff for any questions about maintaining a perfect carpet.

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