

# Greatmats Specialty Flooring Spectation Straight Edge and Interlocking Tiles Maintenance Instructions

#### 1 PRECAUTIONS

Do not perform any wet maintenance procedure for 72 hours after installation, to allow the adhesive to cure. Always post "wet floor" signs and/or "caution tape" when any wet maintenance is going to be performed. Prohibit foot traffic until flooring is completely dry. Remove all metal objects prior to wetting the flooring. Follow the facilities Standard Operating Procedures (SOP). All Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and product label instructions must be read, understood and followed prior to using any product.

Because 90% of all dirt in a building comes in on footwear, Greatmats 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 help to improve indoor air quality, reduce maintenance costs, and lengthen the life of all your floors.

# 2 INITIAL CLEANING (after installation)

When installation is complete, but not before 72 hours to allow the adhesive to "set", dust mop or vacuum the floor to remove dirt or grit. **Note:** This is the single most important maintenance activity for preserving the floor's appearance and performance – and typically the most overlooked and omitted.

Wet mop the entire floor using a high-pH cleaner (12–13pH) solution diluted as per the manufacturer's instructions. Allow the solution a minimum dwell time of 10 minutes. **Note**: Do not flood the flooring.

Scrub the floor thoroughly with a floor scrubber (~ 175 rpm) using a red cleaning pad and wet vacuum up the soiled solution. Rinse the floor with clean water and allow to fully dry. Large areas may be cleaned using an auto-scrubbing machine with a red pad.

# 3 FLOOR FINISHES

Depending on the desired gloss level maintenance regime, there are many options for maintaining Spectation <sup>™</sup> flooring. Use Mats Inc. Duo-Seal or other suitable product like Diversey Carefree<sup>®</sup> Matte Floor Finish, apply 2-3 thin coats of a using a flat microfiber mop. Allow drying time between each coat.

The frequency for re-applying the floor finish will vary based on the application, traffic and end user preferences. To reapply, first perform a "Deep Cleaning" following step 5.

#### 4 DAILY CLEANING

Dust mop or vacuum the floor to remove dirt or grit. Damp mop using a flat microfiber mop and Duo- Clean or other suitable neutral cleaning solution like Diversey Profi TM/MC. Change the microfiber head as often as required and allow the floor to dry. Large areas may also use an auto-scrubbing machine with a red pad.

# 5 DEEP CLEANING

Dust mop or vacuum the floor to remove dirt or grit. For the removal of stubborn dirt, wet scrub the floor with Duo-Clean or other suitable neutral cleaner like Diversey Profi TM/MC. This should be performed using a suitable auto-scrubbing machine or floor scrubber (~ 175 RPM) with a red pad. For small areas a soft broom may also be used.

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Allow the solution a dwell time of approximately 5 minutes. Scrub and wet vacuum up the soiled solution.

Rinse with clean water and allow to fully dry.

Apply 2 thin coats the Duo-Seal or similar (see step 3), using a clean flat microfiber mop. Allow each coat to fully dry.

#### 6 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To ensure the long life and beautiful appearance of your floor, do not use or drag furniture with sharp edges (for example, desks, shelving units, and cubicle assemblies). Furniture should be fitted with stainless steel or Teflon pads. During a move-in day, floor protection should be used to prevent damage from movers, dropped furniture, or soiling from dirty moving equipment.

Petroleum-based products such as grease and tar must be removed with spotting agents containing solvents and rinse with clean water immediately and allow to fully dry.

Chewing gum can be removed with a gum removing spotter, if solvent based rinse with clean water immediately and allow to fully dry.

Do not use acetone, strong alkaline cleaning agents, scouring powder, strong solvents, or abrasive cleaning pads, as these can damage the floor.

Do not use soft chair caster wheels on office chairs. Wheels must be hard (polyamide, not polyurethane) so that they will roll easily, preventing unnecessary wear and tear on the flooring.

Do not use certain materials (for example those found in rubber feet, tires, rubber mat and shopping carts) if they will be in contact with the floor for a long time, as they can cause discoloration that cannot be removed.

Note: These instructions supersede any verbal or written instructions from Greatmats representatives, and must be followed in order for the Greatmats Specialty Flooring Spectation  $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$  warranty to be in effect.

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