

## Maintenance and Installation

### Cheer Mats, Cheerleading Mats

#### Unpacking

To begin unpacking your new mats, the plastic bags should be removed by carefully cutting the zip tie at the top and then pulling the bags off. It's easiest to pull the bags down partially while the rolls are stood up, and then laying the rolls on their sides to pull them off the rest of the way.

Tip: Keep the bags your mats were shipped in for use as storage bags. If they have been damaged or misplaced, you can purchase replacements from Greatmats.



#### Transporting

The safest, easiest way to transport rolled mat sections is with a two-wheel hand truck. They are available at any home improvement store for approximately \$30.

Alternatively, sections may be moved by rolling them across the floor (see note below) or by carrying from each end (requires two people).

Moving Mats by Rolling Remove the storage straps from the mats before rolling them across the floor. Always roll mats in the same direction as they were rolled, with the loose end pointing forward when at the bottom of the roll, as pictured.



#### Setting Up

Begin by unrolling the mat sections next to each other. All of the sections should be unrolled in the same direction so the carpet pile lays the same way. Otherwise, the carpet may appear with different shades.

From the edge of the mat, use your hands to move each section into position. The mat sections are light and should be easy to move together.

Do not kick the edges of the mats. Kicking the edges could damage the mat and void the warranty.

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Once the mats are in position, apply the hook fastener along the seams. If the ends of the rolls won't lay flat, weigh them down with something heavy for a few minutes - but be sure to clear the mats of any objects before using them.

### Storing

When rolling the mats for storage, start each roll from the same side so they match up again when unrolling. Fold over the first two flex sections to make a triangle shape, then continue rolling tightly. If the edges become uneven while rolling, they can be straightened out by lifting the roll up onto its end. Sections should be rolled tightly for easy handling.



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We recommend storing the rolls on their ends. However, the rolls can also be stored on their sides and stacked.

It's important that they're stored on a clean, smooth, dry surface, away from any sharp objects; storage bags are recommended. Temperature does not affect the mats and they can be stored in areas without heat or AC. However, if they are extremely cold (below freezing), allow them to warm up before unrolling.

### Cleaning

Daily Cleaning: Your mats should be vacuumed daily, before or after each use to remove any loose debris or contaminants.

Deep Cleaning: Periodically, the mats should be cleaned with a hot water extraction (or "steam") cleaner, with a disinfectant such as Odoban®, MicroBan®, or Sporidicin®. Cleaning frequency will depend on your own level of use.

Eliminating Odors: To "freshen" the mats between cleanings and eliminate odors, you may spray a light amount of a product such as mPact 4-Sports™ or Odoban®.

Always follow the manufacturer's instructions when using any cleaners or disinfectants.

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