

HUMANE MANUFACTURING Cleaning and Maintenance

Humane mats are easy to keep clean and maintain since, in most cases, sweeping or vacuuming is all that is required to keep the mats clean. A "beater brush" vacuum works the best.

More stubborn dirt and grime can be removed with warm water and a mild cleaner. A mild solution of Dawn's Dishwashing Liquid and water works extremely well.

When the mats are new, and if the room has less than adequate ventilation, there can be instances when sensitive noses will notice a rubber smell.

Cleaning the mats soon after installation goes a long way towards reducing this odor. We've been told that the scented <u>Pinesol</u> works very well in this regard. You can also use <u>Simple Green</u> or even <u>Bleach</u> (use one capful to 1 gal of water, leave sit on mats for approx 20 min, and then clean up excess). There is still no substitute for proper ventilation however.

Whatever the cleaner used however, it is important to make sure all the cleaner residue is mopped up thoroughly. Cleaners containing a wax agent are not recommended, as the wax can cause a build up. Make sure to use a nylon mop and not cotton as cotton will leave particles behind.

Caution: Oil, grease, and solvents should not be left on the mats for extended periods of time. Wipe off as soon as possible and clean any residue with soap and water.

Do not use petroleum-based cleaners on the mats, as these can cause deterioration.

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