## **Aluminum Mats & Grids**

BaseMat Series, BaseTread Series, and BaseGrid Series

The following cleaning and maintenance instructions are for Base Specialties products BaseMat Series, BaseTread Series, and BaseGrid Series. Exceptions to this and instructions for BaseGrill products are noted separately below.

#### General:

- During the winter season, remove product and clean rails once per week. During other seasons, once per month should be sufficient.
- Debris between the rails should be removed during the cleaning process. Each time the rails are cleaned, make sure there is no debris underneath in the recess; this will prevent product from distorting due to an uneven substrate and prevent long-term problems. (Vacuuming is the most effective method for removing debris.)
- If the units are above a drain, ensure that nothing is blocking the water flow to the drain.
- Never apply wax or other polishing products to the surface of the units; this will create a
  potential hazard.

# **Specifics:**

- Clean aluminum surfaces with soap and hot water, then allow mat to dry.
- If applicable, periodically clean carpet and scraping inserts with a hot water extraction machine to remove soil, remove build up and restore mat consistency throughout the matting system.
- Replacement carpet inserts are available.

## **Exceptions (in addition to above):**

When cleaning products manufactured with rubber hinges (BaseMat 400 Series, BaseTread 200 Series, BaseTread 500 Series), inspect the hinges and locking mechanism to ensure that all parts are securely attached and are functioning properly. Any parts not functioning properly should be replaced to avoid further problems.

## **Stainless Steel Grids**

#### BaseGrill Series

Note: Although stainless steel is more corrosion-resistant than other metals, it can still appear rusty if not properly maintained. Environmental conditions and contact with corrosive metals can also cause stainless steel to deteriorate at a quicker rate. Building maintenance schedules **must** include stainless steel model upkeep in its regimen.

A stainless-steel cleaner can be utilized, if desired, to maintain surface shine on BaseGrill products (stainless steel); Simple Green or Sheila Shine are good options. Follow manufacturer's instructions.



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## Regular maintenance:

- Use a damp mop to remove surface dust and dirt.
- Clean underneath the system. It may be possible to remove most of the fine dirt and debris from underneath the unit by using a strong suctioning shop vacuum from above the rail's surface.
   Larger/heavier debris must be extracted by removing the grid units from the recess first.
- For units with carpet inserts: vacuum the carpet inserts to remove fine dirt and debris. For ground-in dirt showing in high-traffic areas, add one cup of bleach per gallon of warm water and use a stiff nylon bristle brush to pre-treat the carpet fibers, then shampoo.
- For units with recycled rubber inserts: use a soft nylon brush or microfiber mop along with water and household soap to clean the recycled rubber surface.

# **Rolling Loads**

Each entrance flooring product has a listed rolling load limit expressed in pounds per wheel. Take caution to avoid exceeding these limitations. If heavy equipment or materials must travel across any Ronick Matting Systems entrance flooring product, consider removing unit and reinstalling after heavy passage to avoid damage.

If entrance flooring product is showing signs of visible damage from heavy rolling loads, *please contact Ronick* at 877.242.8821.

Model Name	Rolling Load Unit
BaseMat 300, 400	350 lbs./wheel
BaseTread 200	750 lbs./wheel
BaseTread 500	1,000 lbs./wheel
BaseGrid 700	500 lbs./wheel
BaseGrill	1000 lbs./wheel

