

# Loose lay carpet planks and entrance planks

# EXPONA SIMPLAY

## 1. GENERAL

All textile floorcoverings must be cleaned regularly, and the type and amount of cleaning required depends on the area where the floorcovering is laid and the amount of traffic experienced.

EXPONA SIMPLAY Loose lay entrance planks are a fixed part of any cleaning and care programme, as they were designed to collect dirt brought in from outside by providing a transitional area, e.g. at entrances. They must be arranged so that there is no way to avoid walking on them and they should be four to six strides long.

## 2. MAINTENANCE CLEANING

Thorough daily vacuuming is very important to completely remove dust and dirt and to ensure the effectiveness of all other cleaning. (Vacuum cleaners with high-power suction and a rotating brush or brush roller with beating action are recommended.) The frequency of this procedure is decided by means of a visual inspection.

### 2.1 Maintenance cleaning

Intensive vacuum brushing should be carried out to prepare the carpet for general cleaning. During this process, the flattened pile will be restored and any stubborn dirt will be released.

In order to achieve a good result, move the machine (carpet brushing machine) against the direction of the pile.

## 2.2 Maintenance cleaning, stain removal

Daily cleaning and care should include the removal of accidental stains and spillages to maintain a perfect appearance. Stains and spillages should be removed as quickly as possible to avoid leaving permanent marks.

Try to categorise the stain according to its composition, e.g. water, oil or combinations, in order to ensure appropriate use of a cleaner.

Please observe the manufacturer's product instructions.

Do not, under any circumstances, scrub or rub in vigorously, as this could damage the colour and condition of the pile.

Also avoid soaking the carpet.

## 3. INTERIM CLEANING

In this case, a dry extraction machine is used so that treated areas can be used again almost immediately. You should first clean the carpet as described in No. 2. Then the area to be cleaned is sprayed with a suitable tread mark remover. Now spread the cleaning granules over the carpet and carefully rule in with the dry extraction machine. After allowing 30 minutes to take effect, you can vacuum up the granules with the attached dirt.

# 3.1 Interim cleaning – dry foam procedure

The maintenance cleaning described in No. 2 is also required before starting this cleaning procedure. Then apply the crystallising carpet shampoo to the carpet with an electric spray or a commercial pump spray. A brush machine is also used here to distribute the cleaning solution over all fibres and release stubborn dirt. After leaving to dry for at least 60 minutes in normal room climate conditions, the crystals that have formed around the fibres will have incorporated the dirt. The area should now be vacuumed and intensive brush vacuuming should be carried out to remove them.

#### 4. THOROUGH AND INTENSIVE CLEANING

Despite regular vacuuming and stain removal, depending on the amount of use and the time of year, the carpet must be treated with a spray extraction machine. Particularly in cases of higher moisture levels, this method is the only way to remove more ingrained accumulations of dirt. For example, this also effectively releases and removes salts. Depending on the machine, cleaning temperature (max. water temperature of 50 °C) and method, various additional measures are required. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions and information. Incorrect dosage or unsuitable cleaners can result in permanent damage, e.g. discolouration, fading or loss of fibres.

In general, the carpet can only be used again when it is completely dry, otherwise fibres may be damaged and the carpet may become dirty again more quickly.

# 5. GENERAL INFORMATION

In addition to upholding the warranty claims of the adjoining floorcovering, the relevant legal obligations to maintain premises fit for public use (e.g. BGB [German Civil Code] § 823) and the accident prevention regulations of the relevant trade associations must be observed.

EXPONA SIMPLAY Loose lay entrance planks are therefore not only useful and a way of preserving value, they also play a major role in safety.

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