

Tech Tip # 101

Laundering Instructions for Classic Mats, Classic Carpets, and MicroGuard™ mats. (Normal soil conditions.)

Proper laundering will prolong the service life of rental mats by preventing the buildup of soil and soap residue. Depending upon type and quantity of soil, it may be necessary to adjust the formula shown below to increase break time, temperature or number of rinses to achieve desired results.

	Process	Comments	Time	Water Level	Temperature
1.	Flush		2-3 Min.	Medium	120°F (49°C)
2.	Flush	See #4 below	2-3 Min.	Medium	120°F (49°C)
3.	Break		2-3 Min.	High	120°F (49°C)
4.	Rinse		2 Min.	High	Cold
5.	Rinse		2 Min.	High	Cold
6.	Extract	Low Speed	1-2 Min.		
7.	Shake Out	Rotate wheel at wash speed with drain open	1 Min.		
8.	Extract	Low Speed	3-5 Min.		
9.	Dry	Recommended	5-10 Min.		180°F (82°C) (Basket Temperature)
10.	Cool Down		5 Min.		

To prevent mat discoloration from dye cross staining, the following procedures should be followed:

- Launder dark mats separately from light colored mats.
- If mats are not separated into dark and light colors for washing, the maximum water temperature should be lowered to 100°F (38°C).
- Stained or heavily soiled mats can be washed at 140°F (60°C). Repeated laundering at this temperature can cause premature color loss and increase dye transfer. For more information, see Tech Tip 102.
- Do not use high pH detergents, alkali or solvents. The break should not exceed a pH of 9.5. Use a low pH non-ionic detergent. 2-4 oz./ 100# of mats. Consult with your chemical supplier for exact amounts.
- Do not over dry mats.
- If mats are not dried, the final rinse should be raised to 120°F (49°C). This will reduce moisture retention following extraction.

Should you require additional information or if M+A Matting can be of further assistance, please call us at 1-800-241-5549 or 1-706-882-2961.