

# Mat Cleaning

## Easy Maintenance for Industrial Environments

Use the following procedures to clean any Larco mat, including the Larco SureStep non-skid mat.

### Recommended Cleaners:

- Most good quality industrial cleaners/ degreasers are acceptable. NOTE: cleaning solutions that contain phosphates, chlorine, organic solvents or mineral spirits should NOT be used.
- Be sure to read and follow all manufacturers' directions, recommendations, warnings and proper disposal procedures for all cleaning solutions.
- Wear all recommended safety equipment.

### Pressure Washing:

- Remove any loose debris from the mat surface before beginning the cleaning process.
- Use a flat fan spray nozzle with a pattern angle of 15 degrees or larger.
- Keep spray distance 12 inches (305 mm) or more away from the mat surface.
- Spray pressure should not exceed 1,500 psi (103.4 Bar)
- Water temperature should not exceed 190° F (88° C)
- Keep the spray pattern moving; do not concentrate it in one location for an extended period of time.
- Heavily soiled mats should be pre-soaked for 10 minutes with the mixed cleaning solution. Areas can be brushed with a hand utility brush.
- When cleaning is completed, rinse with clean water.

### Steam Cleaning:

- Use the same operating recommendations as shown in the pressure washing cleaning section.

### Brush Cleaning:

- Remove any loose debris from the mat surface before beginning the cleaning process.
- Heavily soiled mats may require pre-soaking for 10 minutes with a liberal application of pre-mixed cleaner.
- Clean the mat with a good utility brush made of Nylon, Palmyra, Natural Bassine Tampico or similar material.
- When cleaning is completed, rinse with clean water.



### Good Cleaning Practices Should be Utilized During Cleaning Operations

- Wear safety glasses and all recommended safety gear.
- Install safety signs indicating wet floors.
- Install safety barriers where required.
- Turn off required electrical connections.
- Cover all equipment that can be damaged by cleaning.
- Be sure the area is completely dry before removing safety barriers and signs and restoring electrical connections.

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