

# SSS Clean Tread™ Maintenance Instructions



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## Models: Entec-58, Entec-38

### MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS - STAINLESS STEEL GRATING

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It is important to begin a regular maintenance schedule when the grating is new. This schedule will vary depending on the location and amount of traffic to which the mat is exposed.

#### Surface cleaning

1. Stainless Steel Grating
  - Use a non-ferrous cleaner (such as Scotch-Brite). CAUTION: DO NOT USE STEEL WOOL (Brillo Pad) to clean grating - the steel will embed into grating and subsequently rust.
2. Carpet
  - Vacuum daily for areas that have heavy traffic, or as often as required based on traffic volume.
  - When vacuuming will no longer remove soil:
    - a) Blot liquid spills with a clean, absorbent cloth or sponge.
    - b) Scrape semi-solid spills with a spoon or spatula, then blot with clean, absorbent cloth or sponge.
    - c) To prevent the spot from spreading, it is important to work from the outside of the spot into the center, if spot removers are used, always test carpet for color fastness.

#### Under-side cleaning

1. Use a commercial cleaner (shop-vac) from the surface.

#### Removal of Grating Panels (for cleaning recess)

1. The lockdown bolts will be located under the carpet strips every 18" - 24". Using a pair of needle-nose pliers, carefully pull the strips out of the channel (the end of the channel will need to be un-crimped with the pliers to allow the carpet strips to slide out). Using a standard 1/8" Allen wrench, loosen all lockdown bolts.
2. Carefully remove grating panels. A flat-head screwdriver may be used to pry the panel up from the recess after the all the bolts have been completely loosened but use care to not mar the grating.
3. For multiple panel units, be sure to mark each panel according to its position in the frame (the panels must be reinstalled in the exact configuration to insure proper installation).

#### Re-installing Grating Panels

1. Place each panel in its proper location inside the frame
2. Align lockdowns with the tapped holes in the frame, threaded channel, or lead anchors.
3. Using 1/8" Allen wrench, tighten all the lockdown bolts, but not completely. At the completion of installing the last lockdown, tighten all the bolts firmly (much like tightening the lug nuts on a tire). This will remove any slack or warping caused by uneven initial tightening. CAUTION: DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.
4. Feed the carpet inserts into the tread channels, and, using needle-nose pliers, carefully slide the insert into the channel. The lockdown bolts will cause friction against the insert, therefore use caution to prevent damaging the insert.
5. Crimp the ends of the channels to secure the carpet inserts in place.

#### Inspect grating regularly

1. The frequency of inspection is dependent on the location and amount of traffic in the area.
2. Check to ensure that the grating panels are level (co-planer with adjoining flooring) and obstruction-free.
3. Tighten all loose lockdown bolts.
4. Replace any stripped bolts, anchors, or lockdowns.
5. Inspect the carpet inserts regularly to help prevent permanent stains.

**USE ALL OF THE LOCKDOWNS PROVIDED.**