



## emco care and treatment instructions

### First steps

Following delivery, mats should be washed to remove chemical residue caused by the production process and to make the pile stand up. This improves the mats ability to pick up dirt and moisture and enhances the high-quality appearance of the mat, as this process also makes its colours look brighter. The perforations may leave individual pile threads standing upright, but the process of washing the mat will make these threads blend in.

### Washing

emcoIMAGE mats should not be washed together with other mat types, nor with logo mats produced by other manufacturers, if at all possible. This is because the lower-quality colours used by some manufacturers for their logo mats can sometimes bleed and end up being deposited on other mats. Washing temperature for emcoIMAGE mats: max. 60°C.

emcoIMAGE OUTDOOR mats should not be washed with other mat types. Washing temperature for emcoIMAGE OUTDOOR mats: max. 40°C.

emcoIMAGE and emcoCLASSIC carpet mats are intended for indoor use. emcoIMAGE OUTDOOR mats are specially developed for use in outdoor areas. All emco mat types are at risk of producing sooty deposits caused by exposure to UV light and ozone. This can lead to the mats losing their colour and to permanent discoloration of the entire mat, which is not covered by the warranty. Washing on a regular basis (at least every four weeks) will prevent sooty deposits forming.

Mats produced without a border (take an additional 10 cm trim margin into account when placing your order) should be washed and dried three to five times prior to fitting, as shrinkage will be unavoidable.

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### Recommended detergents

In general, anionic detergents without optical brighteners should be used. Non-alkaline detergents should be used for logo mats, whilst alkaline ones can be used for emcoCLASSIC mats.

### Drying

A drying temperature of between 65°C and 80°C for around seven minutes is ideal. Then dry for another seven minutes at a lower temperature (approximately 30°C to 40°C).

### Handling

Using excessive force to pull the mats out of the washing machinery must be avoided, as this can cause damage to the border area. Deviations in dimensions of up to 3% (emcoIMAGE OUTDOOR 5%) are to be accepted; subsequent shrinkage of the mats caused by the treatment process does not represent a reason for complaint.

### Storage

The mats should not be exposed to high temperatures for a long period of time without good reason. Therefore, we recommend removing the mats from the drier as soon as the drying process is finished.

Do not fold mats; store them flat and dry at room temperature, rubber side against pile side. If you store your mats rolled up, you must ensure that the rubber side is facing outwards. You must prevent the mats from being folded before they are rolled, as this can cause waves to form in the border.

### Usage area

emcoIMAGE and emcoCLASSIC carpet mats are intended for indoor use. If they are used outdoors, this can result in them losing their colour due to the effects of UV and ozone. Sooty deposits may also be produced from the nitrile rubber backing.

A regular washing cycle (performed at least every 4 weeks) will prevent this. The production of sooty deposits from the mats can lead to permanent discoloration of the entire mat.

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