# Stair Treads

### Maintenance Guide



## Pathways (5W) / Nattice™ (8W) Stair Treads

#### **Safety Precautions**

- When performing any wet maintenance, always put out wet floor signs and caution tape. Remove when finished.
- Refer to each product's MSDS for use of personal protective equipment.

#### **Newly Installed Floor Care**

- Always protect treads from dust and debris during construction with cloths or appropriate protection.
- Permit foot traffic on the new treads after waiting the time referenced for the adhesive used.
- Keep furniture, fixtures, and rolling traffic off the treads for 48 hours with trowel-applied adhesives.
- Allow immediate foot and rolling traffic when the treads are installed using Opti-Tape.
- Always use plywood or other boards when moving heavy objects across the treads.
- Remove adhesive residue with a clean white cloth dampened with mineral spirits. Follow label and MSDS instructions.
- Sweep or dust mop the treads to remove dirt and grit. Lightly damp mop with well wrung, untreated mop as needed.
- Wait 3-4 days before wet washing and scrubbing the new treads. This will allow the adhesive to fully cure.

#### **Preventative Floor Care**

- Use proper walk-off matting at all entries and where needed to trap soiling and contaminants. Mats should be appropriate for soil load and weather conditions and have a non-staining backing.
- Use non-staining floor protectors on all furniture legs. Floor glides should be at least 1-inch in diameter.
- Castors should have large diameter wheels with a smooth, flat tread surface.
- Do not use narrow castors or those with a curved tread.
- NOTE: Clean stairs from the top and work down. Always stand on the step below.
- During cleaning, do not allow traffic on the wet areas until the surface is cleaned and completely dry.

#### Initial (After 3-4 Days) / Periodic Cleaning

- Sweep or dust mop the treads to remove dirt and grit. Do not use treated mops.
- Deep clean the treads using a neutral cleaner as directed. For heavily soiled areas, use an approved stripper as directed. Let solution stand 5-10 minutes. Do not let solution dry on floor.
- As needed, scrub treads using a deck brush or mop.
- Rinse the mop in clean water after each mopping pass to remove picked-up soil. Change out rinse water often.
- For outdoor areas, use a soft bristle brush or high-pressure sprayer (2,800 psi max.) for optimal cleaning.
- Thoroughly rinse the treads with clean water and allow to dry. Repeat rinse process as needed to remove all residue.

#### Routine Maintenance (Daily or as needed)

- Sweep or dust mop the treads to remove dirt and grit. Do not use treated dust mops.
- Clean the treads using a neutral cleaner in cool water. Follow label instructions.
- As needed, scrub treads using a deck brush or mop.
- For outdoor areas, use a soft-bristle brush or high-pressure sprayer (2,800 psi max.) for optimal cleaning.
- As needed, scrub treads with a deck brush and cleaner to retain appearance.

#### **Exterior Winter Cleaning**

- Do not walk on treads covered with snow or ice.
- Remove loose snow/ice with a broom or gently shovel with a smooth, plastic shovel being careful not to scratch the floor. Do NOT use sharp snow removal tools.
- Liberally apply calcium chloride when snow/ice is predicted or has started to accumulate. (Note: Do NOT use rock salt).
- After melting, remove loose snow/ice as described above.
- If snow/ice remain on the surface, reapply calcium chloride. After melting, remove loose snow/ice as described above.
- For additional traction, lightly broadcast sand over the snow/ice. The sand must be removed once snow/ice is melted.

#### **Recommended Maintenance Products**

• For a list of recommended maintenance products, please refer to CBC Flooring Maintenance Product Guide.

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