

* Tips on How to Care for Non-Slip Mat *

HASEGAWA's Non-Slip Mat is known to be very hygienic and boosts a powerful grip. However, it is made from very soft material, thus incorrect care may likely make dirt difficult to remove. Of course, the Non-Slip Mat is safe for use in the Dishwasher, but this alone, may not be sufficient to ensure a thorough cleaning.

Please take some time to read the following tips on how to correctly care for and maintain it in a hygienic condition for long-term use.

■ Rightful way to clean the Non-Slip Mat

Do clean the Non-Slip Mat on the same day after use. Please refer to the following tips on cleaning.

- Using the Dishwasher

Please keep the temperature to a maximum of 80C (176F). Temperature exceeding 80C (176F) may cause the product to deform. If the Non-Slip Mat is badly stained (especially with oil stains), we recommend to wash off the oil stains as much as possible with a neutral detergent, prior to placing in the Dishwasher.

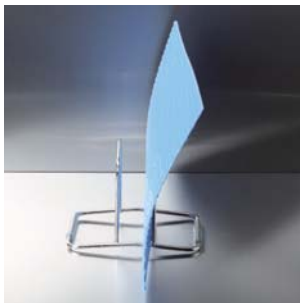
- Without use of the Dishwasher

Please wash the Non-Slip Mat gently with a neutral detergent, using a soft sponge. Avoid use of hard brushes as it may cause fine scratches on the surface and the grip may deteriorate prematurely.

■ Very important to Dry after Wash

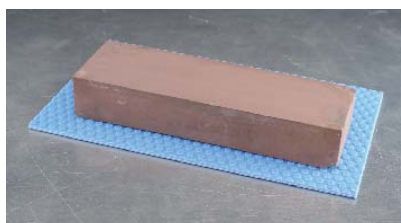
It is very important to dry thoroughly after wash. "Half-dry" conditions breed black molds.

The HASEGAWA Non-Slip Mat can be placed on a stand for drying as shown in the photo below. Keeping it in this position after washing allows it to dry easily.



■ Precaution when using with Knife Sharpening Stones

The Non-Slip Mat demonstrates excellent grip on Knife Sharpening Stones. However, the grip may be reduced due to abrasive grains, dust, and dirt from the sharpening stones. Using with a reduced grip may lead to possibility of the knife sharpening stone to move unexpectedly during the sharpening process. This can be dangerous and may cause unnecessary injury from sharp blades. Please wash the Non-Slip Mat thoroughly with a neutral detergent before and after use, and do check that the Knife Sharpening Stone grips well onto the Non-Slip Mat.



■ Regular Bleaching is Effective

Regular bleaching is effective to maintain hygiene and cleanliness of the Non-Slip Mat to use for longer periods. Do keep in mind the following points to carry out the bleaching process.

- It is recommended to perform bleaching on a weekly basis. (Frequency to be adjusted according with the stained conditions of the Non-Slip Mat.)
- Please follow instructions to dilute the bleach solution with the correct proportion of water. Increasing the bleach concentration, or using undiluted bleach solution, will not raise level of desired outcome.
- An hour of bleaching is sufficient. Prolonged or overnight bleaching may cause the plastic resin to deteriorate and danger of damage to the surface of the Non-Slip Mat.