

# CARE & MAINTENANCE

#### **General Cleaning**

Regular cleaning can be accomplished by simply washing the mats with mild soap and water and a medium to stiff bristled brush. Boat washing soap or other mild detergent, water and a hose works well. Although MarineMat is stain resistant, certain things, such as food, wine, fish blood, or grease may stain the mats if they are left in contact for an extended period of time. It is always best to clean or rinse away any spills as soon as possible. Work the cleaner into the stain with a stiff bristle brush, brushing with the grain texture, and rinse with a hose to finish.

### SUGGESTED CLEANERS

- Simple Green ®
- Soft Scrub®
- Fantastic ®
- Formula ®

BLEACH MAY BE USED, BUT AVOID ANY ACID-BASED CLEANERS LIKE FSR.

#### **Snap it Notes**

Remove Snap-It Mats periodically to clean the underside of the mats and the deck below the mats. Water and debris may get trapped underneath and damage your deck. Simply remove the mats and set them on a driveway, dock, or deck and use the same method as in the boat. Let the mats air dry by laying them flat or hanging them up. Once dry, reinstall the mats or roll them up for storage in a compartment or cabin of the boat.

#### Storage

MarineMat is very resistant to most weather conditions and is designed to be in the elements while being used. It is however best to keep your boat, kayak, or other vehicle covered or stored indoors while not being used to extend the life of your mats. MarineMat should be treated and cared for the same way you care for vinyl marine seats, carpet, or other floor coverings. Excessive continuous exposure to sunlight and water will decrease the life of your mats.

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### MATERIAL NOTE

MarineMat has a memory. If you notice an indent in the mats where you remove your cover from the support pole or any other area where something with some weight has been sitting for an extended period, that mat will rebound over a short period of time back to its original shape.

## THINGS TO AVOID

- Sharp objects such as knives or tools dragged across the surface.
- Pressure washing due to the risk of shredding, or cutting the mats.
- Extended contact with petroleum based products. This can cause a stain that may not be able to be removed.



## FOCUSED REFRACTED LIGHT

Much like a magnifying glass, certain things on a boat can cause focused light which can cause blushing or burning of the surface on your Marine-Mat. This is a very rare occurrence while actually using the boat, but if you leave your boat on a dock, lift, or trailer and the sun is at the correct angle this can occur. The best way to avoid this is to cover the boat when you are not using it or in the case of the Snap-It Series Mats, remove them. If this happens to your mats they are not ruined. The damage usually looks like a wet spot (a little darker) and over time this will blend or weather back into the rest of the may area and become less noticeable.

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