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***STRAX***<sup>®</sup>  
FLOOR MATTING

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**USA** 

# ***NO SLIP, NO SLIDE, NOTRAX® REDSTOP™***

RedStop™ is a uniquely engineered technology that virtually eliminates the slipping and sliding of NoTrax® floor mats on all types of smooth floor surfaces such as vinyl composite tile, painted or epoxy coated concrete, vinyl sheet flooring, carpet, and ceramic tile. RedStop™ provides increased friction between the underside of the mat and a clean, dry floor surface anchoring the mat in place, without leaving a tacky or sticky residue.

All NoTrax® brand laminated floor mats for industrial, commercial markets are manufactured with RedStop™.

## **What is Mat Slippage?**

When discussing floor matting and the topic of slip resistance or anti-slip, most often times it is in reference to the matting surface and the user standing or walking on the surface of the mat. Mat slippage

however refers to the movement of the mat itself and the interaction between the underside of the mat and the floor surface it rests on. This is more prevalent in work environments with smooth, treated, or sealed floor surfaces.

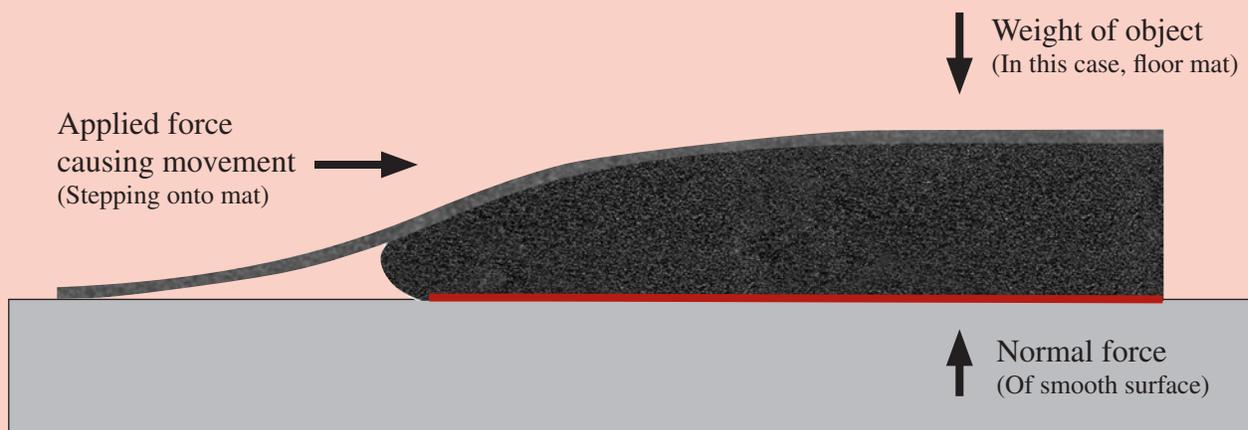
Mat slippage most often occurs when the user is stepping onto or off of the mat, or if there is a great deal of pivoting or movement required for the application. Smaller sized floor mats placed at work cell or individual station environments

have a tendency to move more than larger mats whose weight is often times significant enough to keep it in place.

Mat slippage can create serious slip & fall concerns, so much so that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recommends a coefficient of friction of a least 0.5 as a guide to achieve proper slip resistance for walking/working surfaces (see “Science of Slippage” next page).



# THE SCIENCE OF SLIPPAGE



Mat movement or slippage is tested and evaluated based on its Coefficient of Friction (COF). Coefficient of friction measures the ratio of the force of friction between two bodies and the force pressing them together. The coefficient of friction depends on the materials used; for example, ice on steel has a low COF, while rubber on pavement has a high COF. Coefficients of friction range from near zero to greater than 1 (the greater the number, the higher degree of friction or slip resistance).

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recommends a coefficient of friction of at least 0.5 which is based upon studies by the University of Michigan,\* as a guide to achieve proper slip resistance for walking/working surfaces. A higher COF value may be necessary for certain work tasks, such as carrying objects, pushing or pulling objects, or walking up or down ramps. COF values are not absolute and may be affected by variables such as temperature, humidity, and in regards to floor matting, the weight pressing the mat to the floor and the condition of the floor surface (wet, oily, dirty, etc.).

\* "Work Surface Friction: Definitions, Laboratory and Field Measurements, and a Comprehensive Bibliography"

## HOW DO NOTRAX® REDSTOP™ PRODUCTS MEASURE UP?

NoTrax® floor matting products with RedStop™ offer at least double the recommended coefficient of friction recommended by OSHA with an average COF of 1.25\*, and 56% greater COF than the closest competitive matting product\* (\*based on 3<sup>rd</sup> party independent test results on a variety of applicable flooring surfaces).

Flooring surfaces tested included; VCT (Vinyl composite tile), vinyl flooring (linoleum), painted concrete, epoxy coated concrete, carpeting, and ceramic tile. RedStop™ products were also tested on these floor surfaces at various temperatures.

Select RedStop™ products have been certified by the NFSI (National Floor Safety Institute) with more certifications pending. The NFSI certification

requires a minimum coefficient of friction of 0.6, even more stringent than OSHA.

The NFSI is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to aid in the prevention of slips, trips-and-falls through education, research, and standards development. They perform independent evaluation of slip resistance on floor mats, coatings, cleaning agents, etc., and provide information to end-users to aid in their purchasing decisions. In order to become NFSI certified, products must pass comprehensive laboratory and field testing.





**REDSTOP™ ANTI-SLIP  
TECHNOLOGY IS FEATURED  
ON THE FOLLOWING  
NOTRAX® PRODUCTS:**

- #470 Marble Sof-Tyle™
- #970 Marble Sof-Tyle Grande™
- #474 Ergo Mat™
- #974 Ergo Mat™ Grande™
- #479 Cushion Trax®
- #975 Cushion Trax® Ultra
- #979 Saddle Trax™
- #480 Pebble Trax®
- #980 Pebble Trax® Grande™
- #826 Diamond Stat™

For continued best results, proper care and maintenance of the mat and underlying floor surface is recommended. RedStop™ products can be cleaned without affecting the performance of the mat, in fact, regularly wiping down the underside of the mat may actually improve performance as dust and dirt particles can accumulate on floor surfaces over time.

NoTrax® products with RedStop™ are manufactured here in the USA at an ISO 9001, and ISO 14001 certified facility and contain no silicone, ozone depleting substances, or heavy metals. The top surfaces (vinyl products only) are made from 100% recycled PVC making them a more environmentally friendly manufactured product.

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