

RED BARN™

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING THE USE AND INSTALLATION OF RED BARN STALL MATS

1) Q- Can I get a one-piece mat for the whole stall?

A- No, the mats weigh too much to come in such a large size; it would also be too difficult to get through the stall door. For example a 10' x 12' stall requires 5 mats that are 4' x 6' and weigh 107 pounds each for a total weight of 535 pounds.

2) Q- If there are seams in the stall floor will the urine run under the mat?

A- The sawdust, shavings, straw or whatever bedding material is used will absorb most of the urine. Scoop the wet bedding out every morning and replace it with fresh material. If the mats are fit tightly, very little will seep between the mats.

3) Q- Does it get smelly?

A- No, smell is only transmitted through the air so you don't smell the small amount trapped under the mat. Be sure to use enough bedding to soak up the urine and clean the stall regularly.

4) Q- Does the urine soak into the mat?

A- No! **RED BARN** rubber mats are totally non-absorbent. There is no chance for bacteria to grow in the mats. The flush surface on both sides eliminates or reduces to a minimum, any growth of bacteria. Lime, chlorine or other cleaning acids can be used to clean mats. Some mats on the market have grooves on the bottom and/or top, which trap bacteria and make for more difficult cleaning. We do make a grooved mat but only recommend its use in wash racks and trailers.

5) Q- Can a horse paw up the mats?

A- No, the mats are too thick and heavy to be pawed up.

6) Q- I want to put just one or two mats in my stall, is this okay?

A- This is better than no mats at all but it is best to fit the mats from wall to wall. This way stall cleaning is easier since the shovel won't catch on the edge of a loose mat. The horse will always be standing on the rubber and you can take full advantage of the savings in bedding material and stall cleaning time.

7) Q- Is there a savings in bedding material?

A- Yes, the bedding is no longer needed for comfort but only to absorb the urine and to cover the droppings to keep the horse clean.

Note: Most people will agree that they can cut the use of bedding in half. This also means the manure pile is half as large. A large smelly manure pile can especially be a problem in suburban areas because of confined space.

8) Q- How do you install the mats? Can we do it ourselves? Do the mats have to be glued?

A- The weight of the mats will make them lie flat without glue or other fastening devices. There is no canvas or their non-rubber filler material in the mats. Because of this the mats won't curl and can be cut with a simple hand held utility knife. The walls and the mat's own weight and thickness will hold the mats in place.

Note: See the installation sheet for further installation information.

9) Q- How should the floor of the stall be prepared before installing the mats?

A- **RED BARN** stall mats can be placed over any level, compacted base. If your stalls have a hard base (concrete or asphalt) just clean the stall and place the mats in the stall. If the base is dirt or clay or other "loose" material just level the stall floor, fill in the holes with a material that will compact well and then place the mats in the stall.

10) Q- Is the rubber slippery when it gets wet?

A- No the rubber is not slippery. The horse will indent the rubber with its hoof and grip on the surface. The rubber usually does not get wet if the stall is properly bedded and maintained.

11) Q- How long do **RED BARN** mats last?

A- The lady who was the first customer to place mats in her stalls in the early 1970s is still using some of them in her barn today despite the fact that she made a move in the 1980s. We guarantee the mats unconditionally for 5 years against wear out and a further 10 years on a prorated basis. For a total of a 15 year warranty!

Note: In our experience, people who have used **RED BARN** stall mats in their barn never want to be without them. Try one stall if you are unsure and you will soon be back to your **RED BARN** dealer to finish off your whole barn.