



Workplace Safety

## Diamond-Plate Matting: How to Avoid Buyer's Regret

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Choosing the right anti-fatigue mat can be daunting. Do a quick Google search and you'll be inundated with page after page of matting choices. Take for instance the most iconic anti-fatigue mat – Diamond-Plate. These mats all look the same – the same rugged pattern in the same color assortment. What you may not realize is that the tough-looking top surface isn't so different from one matting manufacturer to the another. The difference is what you *don't* see.

If you flip over any of those anti-fatigue mats, you'll see the real powerhouse – **the sponge!** *That's* what matters and *that's* where dual-layer mats like those differ. Understanding *how* these anti-fatigue mats differ greatly reduces the likelihood of buyer's regret.

As with any product, there's no such thing as a "one-size-fits all" solution.

What may be the right choice for one facility is completely wrong for another. It's no different with anti-fatigue mats. Operations, environments, and goals vary.

Facilities with multi-shift operations, high foot traffic, unique layouts and need to reduce their purchasing cycles require an anti-fatigue mat manufactured using a high-quality, nitrile-blend sponge.

Facilities with single-shift operations, lower foot traffic and basic layouts should consider an anti-fatigue mat with a blown-PVC sponge. This type of matting has a shorter life but comes with a lower price.

Facilities with a tight budget, light foot traffic or have an eco-friendly initiative should consider an anti-fatigue mat using a sponge base made exclusively from recycled materials.

The next time you're faced with purchasing an anti-fatigue mat, be sure to do your research and choose one with a sponge base that aligns with your unique needs.

**Wearwell** is the *only* manufacturer that offers diamond-plate matting with **3 unique sponges**, each with distinct advantages (i.e. **performance, rebound, value, customization, price point, sustainability, slip resistance, anti-slide**, etc.) These options allow customers to align their unique needs with the right anti-fatigue mat.

You can read up and familiarize yourself with Wearwell's diamond-plate anti-fatigue **options**, but sometimes you need to see and feel before you commit. That's precisely why Wearwell offers samples *free of charge*.

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