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## **DDA compliant certificate F01Dc**

The University of Ghent declares hereby that the entrance mat quality named Trio Brush and Trio Scraper are DDA compliant.

**The DDA states that, “reasonable provision shall be made for people to gain access and use the building and its facilities”**

**In existing premises:** Customers have to make reasonable adjustments to any physical features that may prevent or make it unreasonably difficult for disabled people to use their service. Physical features cover floor coverings.

**In new buildings:** The current building regulations (Part M) that apply to new public buildings and refurbishments, state for entrance lobbies (section 2.29):

- Floor surfaces within the lobby do not impede the movement of wheelchairs and changes in floor materials do not create a potential trip hazard
- The floor surface helps to remove rainwater from shoes and wheelchairs
- Where mat wells are provided, the surface of the mat is level with the surface of the adjacent floor finish

**Trio Brush and Trio Scraper mat range meet these criteria: the pile does not impede movement and mats sit securely on the floor surface. The mats are also designed to help prevent slips and trips by the very purpose of the product, i.e. by removing foot borne moisture to prevent slips and through product features such as the rubber edging, flush fitting matwell products to prevent trips etc.**

BS8300 has also been complied with - this is the British Standard Technical Information Guide to accompany Part M of the building regulations, and this states

- Floor surfaces should be slip resistant to give a firm foothold and good wheel grip under all wet and dry conditions
- Surface laid rugs and mats other than where specifically designed and manufactured for use in an “entrance flooring system” should not be used
- The ingress of soil and surface moisture to buildings or their transfer between adjacent internal areas should be reduced to the lowest practicable level e.g. through the use of appropriate entrance flooring systems

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