

# Case Study

## Heronrib



### Heronrib helps make Toronto mosque's ablutio areas safer for worshippers

Find out how we helped a Canadian mosque choose barefoot safety matting for their ablutio areas.

#### The problem

In 2023, Toronto's Masjid Al-Istiqama was having issues with the matting in its ablutio areas; they were deteriorating quickly and had crumbled with ongoing exposure to water.

This meant that their worshippers were faced with slip hazards while they undertook 'Wudu', an Islamic ritual performed before prayer. Plus, the crumbling mats compromised the look of the mosque's pristine facilities and design.

Masjid Al-Istiqama's Imam, Abdi Adan Farah, approached us for a safety solution that was long-lasting, slip resistant and would match the mosque's elegant aesthetic.

#### The checklist

- ✓ Self-draining and hygienic
- ✓ Easy to clean and maintain
- ✓ Durable safety solution

#### At a glance



Client  
Masjid Al-Istiqama

Location  
Toronto, Canada

Brief  
Durable barefoot matting that reduces slip hazards to help make ablutio areas safer.

Environment  
Wet areas

Industry  
Places of worship

Needs  
Slip resistance, drainage

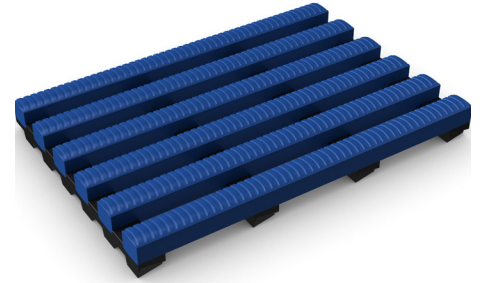
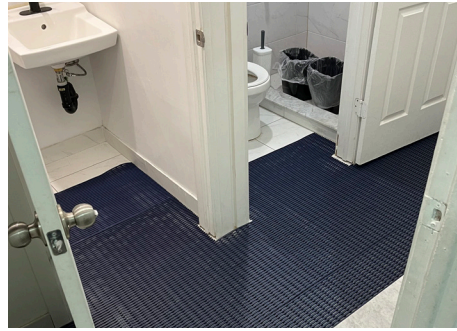
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### The solution

We recommended Heronrib, a globally recognized barefoot solution for ablution areas and walkways between worship areas.

Over the last 30 years, Heronrib has been used at some of the most significant sites of the Islamic faith, such as Masjid al-Haram in Mecca and The Prophet's Mosque in Medina, Saudi Arabia.

Just like all the mats in our barefoot matting range, Heronrib is a lightweight, safe and economical solution for wetside environments.

The combination of slip resistance, hygiene and comfort underfoot makes it ideal for areas with large volumes of spilled water; which are quickly dissipated thanks to the mat's four-way drainage.

Heronrib's non-porous construction is resistant to harsh cleaning chemicals, and the matting contains antimicrobial and antifungal properties – perfect for ablution areas where people are commonly barefooted.

The wide range of colour options meant the mat would complement the mosque's interior decor; and Heronrib's flexible single-piece structure made it simple to install on-site without any special tools.

“Heronrib matting has been a wise investment that has enhanced our mosque's functionality, aesthetics and, most importantly, the safety and satisfaction of our worshippers. We couldn't be more grateful for the positive impact it has had on our community and our place of worship.”

Imam Abdi Adan Farah



### Product spotlight: Heronrib

Heronrib's two-layer construction and channelled underbars quickly dissipate water and its embossed finish provides a firm grip underfoot.

### Features:



Embossed surface



Two-layer construction and channelled underbars



Anti-microbial and anti-fungal properties



Made from flexible PVC



UV resistant

### Benefits:



Certified slip resistance  
(DIN 51097: C; ASTM 1677: 0.9/0.7)



Four-way drainage



Excellent hygiene, easy to clean



Easy to cut to fit; contours to uneven surfaces



Can be used indoor or outdoor