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Relations Coordinator of the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), the commercial association for the entire automotive accessories market. For additional information, we interviewed off-road driving school experts, professional car destalflettors and common users to learn from their experience and listen to what they like and don't like. We looked for other tests of products published online and printed and were surprised to discover that next to none it was available. That made all our extensive research and reach much more valuable in terms of deciding how to test our mats and coatings. In the end, we chose 23 sets of mats and liners. This included premium

coatings from each of the companies that sell them, a variety of cheap mats, and a pair of custom mats that divide the price difference between those two categories. Make sure you know what you're getting. The price could be for a single ester, a front pair only, or a set of four. These are the things to keep in mind when shopping online	ne.
Some websites list mats for your car without including an amount. Make sure you know what you're getting. The price could be for a single ester, a front pair only, or a set of four. In addition, some sites and/or manufacturers offer free shipping, which can be a great savings. Husky offers free shipping from the factory. Walmart also offers	:rs
free shipping, and Amazon includes free shipping for orders over \$35. We spent several more weeks testing and living with the two dozen products and a van. Cleaning and stain removal tests were carried out outdoors, where we applied mud, food products a	and
beverages to the sections of each ester. Everyone was allowed to sit for two days before cleaning. First, we checked every set of mats and liners in a suitable vehicle, both front and rear, looking at how well they fit in, how easy they were to install and remove, how comfortable they were under their feet, and how well they stayed.	
Universal mats were tested on several vehicles, including three crossovers/SUVs—a 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe, 2012 Honda CR-V, and 2004 Toyota RAV4—and two sedans: an Acura TL 2009 and a 2014 Honda Civic. Custom-fit carpets and liners were ordered and tested on some of the same vehicles and a Chevrolet Colorado pickup	
truck. Before installing the new mats and liners, we remove the old carpets from the vehicles according to the installation instructions and thoroughly vacuum the vehicle floors to ensure the best possible fit. We used factory-mounted vehicle holes with mats and liners that were designed for them, pointing out how compatible those setting	-
were. During installation, we observed any difficulty due to poor adjustment, overly rigid products that made them more difficult to installed, we observed how well the products fit along and from side to side and how flexible they were to adapt to uneven floors and obstructions such as	as
releases of ground-mounted fuel doors. We also evaluated universal carpets to find out how easy they were to trim for a custom fit. When it came time for the linternet and Pat Slaven, who was an expert in cleaning Consumer Reports at the time, for advice. Pat's be	Jeen
making trouble and cleaning them up in a lab environment for decades. First, we asked about rubber mats and Oily things like salad dressing or fries are things that could stain them. Aside from dropping a hot welder, there's not much you can do to damage a rubber carpet, Pat said. They're pretty impervious to stains on anything. The	ڊ
only exception is oil. If you let go of salad dressing or fries, those are the things that could stain them. Pat said the carpets in your home. In general, carpeted carpets are made of polypropylene or polyester and are easy to clean, although oil and grease can be	e a
problem, he said. They are highly resistant to red spots such as grapes or cranberry juice. Coffee, black or cream, is no problem. But sugar and sugary foods attract dirt. So clean them immediately, otherwise they're like a magnet for dirt. Pat's last tip was: If you have a spill, try cleaning it right away with dish detergent and water. And detergent are not sugary foods attract dirt. So clean them immediately, otherwise they're like a magnet for dirt. Pat's last tip was: If you have a spill, try cleaning it right away with dish detergent and water. And detergent are not sugary foods attract dirt.	don't
rub the stain; use a movement of swelling. Duly informed, we took a jar of mayonnaise and a bottle of grape juice, and made a pot of coffee, in the interest of science, so we could pour ourselves a cup while we examined the Internet for mud recipes. A guick search for How to Make Mud brings to sale a surprising (or perhaps not so much	uch)
number of alternatives. We opted for a fairly basic mixture involving the basic soil of the packaged garden and water. Our tests included mixing a clay bucket and spreading a uniform amount on each ester to test stains and ease of cleaning. This really had the neighbors scratching their heads. Photo: Jim Travers They are our mats and	ď
cladding on the lawn and mix a mud cube according to directions. Then we extend a measured amount in a section of each ester. Next, we poured half a cup of grape juice and coffee into each, and the stained mayonnaise to represent oily foods. And then we let the dirty carpets and cladding stay for a period of 24 hours. The next day	
cleaned them with a garden hose, an exfoliation brush and a bucket of water with mild soap to wash mixed dishes. An unexpected heavy rain during our stain tests showed how much better a coating contains liquids than a mat. Photo: Jim TraversMumiento products claim that a hose is all it takes to clean them; to some extent, that's true.	
Our hose was easily able to take off most of the mud, mayonnaise, coffee and juice that we had spilled or scattered on all our carpets and mats for all kinds of weather. That said, cleaning them really requires a little elbow fat, along with soap and a brush. Still, we were surprised at how well they all cleaned up with a little work, especially	
after waiting 24 hours. As Slaven had warned, the only exception to this was processed sugary grape juice, which did not stain but left a sugary sticky mess that we had to work to get down. Unsurprisingly, products with and deeper, narrower compartments, such as Michelin and Rugged Ridge liners, tended to be harder to clean than	,
more open designs, even with a brush. Weather Tech and Husky coatings were just as good for containing spills, but their wider, shallower grooves made them easier to clean than rubber carpets for much of the same reason that the carpets in your home are harder than vinyl	
flooring. Fibers can more easily trap the bark than a flat surface. But we were glad to see how well they stood up. Still, don't expect to make any of these floor coverings look new again with any amount of hosing or scrubbing. To remove stripes and scratch marks completely requires another step with some kind of cleaner. Weather Tecl	ch
manufactures specialized TechCare products that are available on its website. We found that household cleaners work very well. America's Choice Carpet & manufactures specialized TechCare products that are available on its website. We found that household cleaners work very well. America's Choice Carpet & manufactures are some tips on using and caring for you	
mats: Look for tips at the bottom to help keep the mats in place and force a fit that is tightened to the sides, front and rear of your car's footrests without the mat or lining piling up. A tight fit will protect more of the carpet underneath and help prevent mats from slipping and interfering with the throttle and brake pedals. Make sure your mats.	
don't cover ground-mounted controls, such as a fuel filling door or trunk release, and are flexible enough to fit strange shapes and soil irregularities. Depending on your sensitivity or concern with the odors of the product, you may want to let your mats air for one or two days before installing them. We didn't find any of our mats or coating	
tested to be particularly stinky, but some reviews complained about the smell. Some are rolled up for shipping, so you may want to leave them out of work for a while anyway. Never, ever stack a new set of mats on top of those already in your car. Never clean your mats or coatings with a silicone-based product like Armor-All. These can	_
make the surface slippery and dangerous. And never, ever stack a new set of mats on top of those already in your car. This only increases the likelihood that they will slide and interfere with the pedals that cause an accident. Always pull out the old carpets first. Photo: Rik Paul After using, living and cleaning 23 sets of car floor carpets in the pedals that cause an accident.	
several different vehicles for several weeks, we are convinced that weathertech FloorLiners are the best choice for drivers who want the greatest protection for their vehicle's carpets. Weathertech FloorLiners are the best choice for drivers who want the greatest protection for their vehicle's carpets. Weathertech FloorLiners are the best choice for drivers who want the greatest protection for their vehicle's carpets.	) III
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vehicle settings than any of the others. With wall-to-wall coverage (front and back) and a larger lip around all sides to contain spills, WeatherTech coatings. Reflective details differentiate WeatherTech coatings. Reflective details differentiate WeatherTech coatings. Reflective details differentiate WeatherTech coatings from similar coatings from similar coatings.	•
from Husky, Michelin and Rugged Ridge. There is a more pronounced lip, for example, around its perimeter, better to contain spills to a separate tank at the back, away from the feet. Weather Tech's raised sidewalls emerge higher than competitive	
liners, particularly Rugged Ridge, to better trap fluids and further protect carpets from wear. Weather Tech is the only coating we test that is designed to channel liquid away from your feet and into a recessed tank at the back. Photos: Jim Travers (left) and Rik Paul (right) Floor Liners also manage to run out of the steep tips at the bottom	
that you'll find on the Husky and Rugged Ridge carpets. The tips are designed to dig into carpets to keep the mat in place, but they can also dig painfully into your hands by pulling the coatings are based on their adjustment accuracy and gripping surface. We also find them easy to clean, needing only the coatings are based on their adjustment accuracy and gripping surface. We also find them easy to clean, needing only the coatings are based on their adjustment accuracy and gripping surface. We also find them easy to clean, needing only the coatings are based on their adjustment accuracy and gripping surface. We also find them easy to clean, needing only the coatings are based on their adjustment accuracy and gripping surface. We also find them easy to clean, needing only the coating are based on their adjustment accuracy and gripping surface.	ııy
one hose to spray them. WeatherTech has custom settings for more than 1,000 vehicles, approximately three times more than Husky, its closest competitor. That's much more than Michelin or	
Rugged Ridge. And none of the others fit as many older vehicles as WeatherTech, so you're more likely to find a set that fits your car without having to look around in various places. As an advantage, we have also been impressed by WeatherTech's customer service, which has live operators available to answer useful questions and	
videos on its website to guide owners through secure installation, cleaning and more. While it's not necessarily a reason to buy, it's things like this that make the transaction and property experience more enjoyable. Flaws but not dealbreakersUnlike with competitive Husky ocean liners, WeatherTech does not offer free shipping on direct	
factory orders within the continental United States. But some other online retailers, such as AutoAnything, do, and prices vary. It's worth shopping. Long-term test notes editor of Wirecutter has been using the WeatherTech FloorLiners on her Honda Fit since 2017. He says they fit perfectly, adding: I've barely thought about them, which	
exactly what you want. WeatherTech FloorLiners still get mostly high ratings from users on Amazon as well, although some buyers have complained about getting coatings that don't fit their vehicle so well Expected. Please note that Amazon is not an authorized WeatherTech seller and, in its Lifetime Limited Warranty, WeatherTech say	
that if purchased from unauthorized resellers on the Internet, such as Amazon, eBay and some of its resellers, you run the risk of not getting the right parts for your vehicle! It also warns that these retailers cannot honor WeatherTech's limited lifetime warranty coverage. We purchase directly from WeatherTech or an authorized reseller.	
Photo: Jim TraversA commitment in protection, hexomat custom fit carpets lack raised edges. But they still provide more complete coverage than a less expensive universal square price between premium coatings and cost-effective universal floor mats, floor mats specific to Intro-	
Tech's Hexomat model provide the custom fit of a coating, which provides wall-to-wall coverage to protect against spills and dirt, and the ability to trap small amounts of liquid for about half the cost. Its fit rivals that of a set of premium coatings, such as WeatherTech or Husky, and include holes in the driver's ester that correspond to fact	-
mounting points. This helps them stay in place much better than any universal ester, an important security feature. We were also impressed with the ease of installation, removal and cleaning, and found that the compartmentalized design did a good job of helping to contain spills. Hexomat even offers over 10,000 custom fit patterns to	
most vehicles. That said, Hexomat still can't catch large spills or protect carpets, as well as our top selection or any of the other liners because it's a flat mat and lacks the highest sidewalls of a liner. Like premium liners, Hexomats adapt to specific vehicles and cost about half the price. But they don't have the highest sidewalls of a liner.	r to
contain spills. Photos: Jim TraversEven although the Hexomat mats lack the raised lip of a coating, its hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid. Hexagonal pattern divides each mat into dozens of small compartments to help contain the liquid.	
discussed in the same sentence). But at least most of the work is done at a much lower price than model-specific coatings. The hexagonal cavities on the carpet help prevent liquid and gunpowder from spilling on the car carpet. Photos: Jim TraversO prefers Hexagonal cavities on the carpet help prevent liquid and gunpowder from spilling on the carpet help prevent liquid a	
model-specific option and also use factory mount points. Hexomats fit better into our 2004 Toyota RAV4, and its slimmer profile was better suited to soil irregularities. Weather Tech mats are and soft, but their non-slip surface makes them not only harder to clean than Hexomats, but the harder to clean of all the products we test.	
(WeatherTech's all-weather mats use a different material than our top selection, WeatherTech FloorLiners, which we found to be much easier to clean.) Photo: Rik PaulAn cheap mat that doesn't look cheap, but like all universally fit carpets, lacks raised edges and doesn't provide as much protection as custom carpets and liners.*At the	е
time of publication, the price was \$23. Something out of a bargain in the Endless sea of low-end mats, the engine Trend clean rubber series odorless floor mats have a look and feel that denies their low-priced label and differentiates them from other cheap BDK mats, Custom Auto Crews and OxGord. They are also a little bigger and	
heavier than those competitors, which not only makes them feel more substantial, but also makes it a better fit on larger feet. The unique two-tone finish is worth at least a couple of dollars, and we found that even lighter colored bits are extremely stain resistant. Motor Trend rubber mats are slightly larger than other cheap carpets we te	,
helping them provide a better fit in larger vehicles. Photos: Rik PaulThey did not fit our vehicles as well as more expensive custom fit coatings and, like all mats, do not have a lip around the perimeter to contain liquid. In fact, its relatively smooth finish allows spills to styly quite easily, although it helps make them easy to clean. And like	
other cheap mats, they tended to move more than we'd like. Like many universal mats, Trend Engines are designed to be easily trimmed with scissors for a more personalized fit. Photos: Jim Travers (left) and Rik Paul (right)For about the same cost as our top selection, Husky WeatherBeater Floor Liners offer fit, coverage and protection and protection are designed to be easily trimmed with scissors for a more personalized fit.	
that are almost as good as WeatherTech FloorLiners. They have good shape, although their sidewalls are not as high as the WeatherTechs and the lip around the perimeter is not as pronounced. WeatherBeaters have sharp tips at the bottom to help keep them in place, but we find that they can also be painful in our hands when we take	
out the coatings for cleaning. Husky offers free shipping within the continental United States on direct factory orders, but the company does not offer coatings for almost as many vehicles as the premium WeatherTech. Husky product, X-act Contour floor coverings, are priced higher (at the time of writing) than WeatherTech FloorLiners or the company does not offer coatings for almost as many vehicles as the premium WeatherTech. Husky product, X-act Contour floor coverings, are priced higher (at the time of writing) than WeatherTech FloorLiners or the company does not offer coatings for almost as many vehicles as the premium WeatherTech. Husky product, X-act Contour floor coverings, are priced higher (at the time of writing) than WeatherTech FloorLiners or the company does not offer coatings for almost as many vehicles as the premium WeatherTech. Husky product, X-act Contour floor coverings, are priced higher (at the time of writing) than WeatherTech FloorLiners or the company does not offer coating for almost as many vehicles as the premium WeatherTech.	
Husky's own WeatherBeater liners. But we found nothing in its fit, coverage or performance to justify its highest price. With a matte finish and a soft feel, they have a somewhat more exclusive feel. They fit well, although they are no better than WeatherTech coatings. They use less prominent tips at the bottom than Husky WeatherBeater	ιer
floor coverings, which are easier on the hands when installed or removed. And like WeatherBeater coatings, coatings X-Act contour flooring have a limited lifetime warranty and come with free shipping on direct factory orders. But they lack WeatherTech's fluid reservoir and raised edge around all four sides to better contain spills, and	
protecting floors is what a coating is all about. Combined with its limited range of settings, we recommend that you save a few dollars and go with our top selection, the WeatherTech and other accessories market companies, General Motors now offers its own premium all-weatherTech and other accessories market companies, General Motors now offers its own premium all-weatherTech and other accessories market companies, General Motors now offers its own premium all-weatherTech and other accessories market companies, General Motors now offers its own premium all-weatherTech and other accessories market companies, General Motors now offers its own premium all-weatherTech and other accessories market companies, General Motors now offers its own premium all-weatherTech and other accessories market companies, General Motors now offers its own premium all-weatherTech and other accessories market companies, General Motors now offers its own premium all-weatherTech and other accessories market companies, General Motors now offers its own premium all-weatherTech and other accessories market companies, General Motors now offers its own premium all-weather accessories and other accessories market companies.	
floor coverings that are designed to fit Chevrolet and GMC-specific pickup trucks and SUVs. They adapt to the color of the inside of the truck and bear the logo of the truck; of course, you'll pay interest on its cost, but at least it's not a big out-of-pocket success. We	
tested a Chevrolet Colorado equipped with premium floor coverings for all the time, and found that they fit, as well as competitive Husky and WeatherTech liners, with front and side-like coverage and protection. They are also just as easy to install, remove and clean. However, floor coverings for all types of premium weather lack the fluit	uid
tank of weatherTech FloorLiners coatings. EdgeLiners Michelin have a quality look and feel, and are easy to install, remove and clean. But they cost nearly \$100 more than the WeatherTech FloorLiners or Husky WeatherBeaters for a full set. For now, Michelin also adapts to a very limited number of full-size pickup trucks and SUVs,	
although more are promised in the future. It is claimed that extra deep channels are three times the depth of competitors, but we found that it made them much harder to clean than WeatherTech FloorLiners coatings. They also had the dubious distinction of being the only coating or ester in this test that still has a pebble stuck in those	
extra-deep slots at the end of testing. EdgeLiners fit our well-rendered Tahoe chevrolet, but only in the front; there is no back lining available for that SUV. Rugged Ridge liners have deep treads to trap mud, but that can make them harder to clean. Photo: Jim TraversThicker and heavier than all the other coatings we tested, Rugged Ridge R	_
liners feature a more aggressive and deep grid pattern to trap mud and snow. All of that is fine after a walk in the swamp, but cleaning between this, because its products are aimed at SUVs. All your settings are for Jeeps, pickups, and only a few SUVs, and your choice is	
more limited by the availability of even fewer back floor coverings. On the other hand, they are less expensive than some competitors, with a full set of Rugged Ridge floor coverings for a Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV, one of the few complete sets available, with a slightly lower price than the WeatherTech liners we recommend. Its limited	:d
range of settings it wasn't a surprise that we couldn't get a set for any of our little SUVs, but we were surprised to find that the back liners weren't available for our 2015 Taho Chevrolete either. We also found it curious that despite their off-road marketing, our set of front liners were actually smaller than all the other proven liners, and	
lacked the higher walls of WeatherTech and other competitors for mud on the sides of the ground well. With custom settings for a wide variety of brands and models, WeatherTech All-Weather mats are more than double the price of basic and universal mats, but offer more complete floor coverage. That said, we believe that the similarly	,
priced In-Tech Hexomat is a better choice if you're looking for a custom-fitting floor mat. Like Hexomats, WeatherTech All-Weather floor mats provide a comfortable and more precise fit than universal carpets, and use factory floor carpet mounting points on the driver's side for a safer and safer fit. All-weather mats are made of the same	
soft, non-slip flexible resin used in WeatherTech's universal AVM floor mats. They are thicker and more cushier under the feet than other floor mats, the Hexomats, or even WeatherTech's own FloorLiners. That's good, but not quite a good thing, because we find that the sticky surface is harder to clean than any other mat or lining we te	
and acts as a magnet for animals' hair. We also found that the thickness of the all-weather mats made them less able to fit the floor contours of the 2004 Toyota RAV4 for which we ordered them, and that the front passenger side mat was too wide and needed to be trimmed, even though it was a custom fit claimed. Our Hexomats fit ver	,
well. WeatherTech's unique all-weather bargain version, AVM carpets, have a similar, high-quality look and feel. Unfortunately, they also have the same gripping surface makes carpets harder to clean. An exclusive MatGrip anchorage system for the driver's mat is screwed into the carpet	ρet
below and helps keep the mat in place. Thicker and heavier than all the other universal carpets we test, the avervenous malformations do not conform to soil irregularities, as well as Motor Trend CleanRubber mats or even cheap carpets from BDK, Custom Auto Crews and OxGord. Its design includes adjustment lines for a more	
personalized fit, and avervenous malformations are easy to trim with scissors. We tested both Michelin All-Weather carpets with and without carpeted inserts. Thicker and more style than cheaper BDK, Custom Auto Crews or OxGord carpets. A little larger, they're a marginally better	
option for larger feet. We found that its deep grooves and aggressive design and compartmentalized was very good at containing fluids. But that despite their weight and size, they tended to slide under the foot. Another drawback is that its design does not lend itself	
much trimming. CleanRubber Series Toilet Floor Mats are less expensive and a better option. Identical except for packaging, the BDK Premium Heavy Duty are among the cheapest floor mats Tested. Any one of them would be better than any ester at all. Buyers can choose from	irom
four- and three-piece sets that include coverage over the rear hump. Beyond that, there's not much to say. Like some of the smaller carpets we tested, none of the smaller tips to hold them in place, they also tended to move more than the more expensive	
carpets. But they turned out to be easy to clean and stain-resistant. Let's group these two together, because in terms of appearance, feel, performance and Rubber Queen universal carpets are almost the same. Their best feature is that they are cheap, and we have seen retail prices on Amazon under \$30 and the same are cheap, and we have seen retail prices on Amazon under \$30 and the same are cheap, and the same	\$10.
For the money, it's hard to go wrong. Yes, they look and feel a little cheap and insubstantiating, and their light weight means they tend to migrate around the ground more washing to be cleaned, but are surprisingly stain-resistant, as long as they clean greasy or sugary foods and	
beverages promptly. If you're driving an older car, either can be a step ahead of what's in your car now. Henry Willis, Auto Best Car Mats: Reviews and Group Test, Auto Express (United Kingdom), 28 October, 2014Pat Slaven, Leader of the Consumer Reporting Testing Program, telephone interview, 1 July 2015Scott Trager, Northeas	
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