The following are recommendations for a proper rubber handrail cleaning program. Daily or weekly cleaning maximizes the handrail's operating efficiency and service life and promotes a satisfying ride for pedestrians. The handrail underside requires extra attention as it can accumulate dust from the handrail guides.

**New Rubber Handrails:**

Always clean the rubber cover of all protective wax and installation grime after installation of a new EHC handrail by following the cleaning and polishing instructions below.

**Cleaning Instructions:**

- Apply cleaner to a damp cotton cloth or spray directly onto the handrail and wipe across handrail face, paying special attention to handrail underside. Wipe cleaner off of the handrail with a damp cloth.
- For handrails or motion indicators that need extra attention, use a non-abrasive nylon plastic scouring pad soaked with EHC Handrail Cleaner. Handrails in high traffic areas with increased exposure to environmental elements may require cleaning with Ethyl Alcohol. **Warning:** Excessive scouring may damage the handrail surface, use moderate to light pressure.
- Rotate the handrail around the escalator or walk until entire handrail has been cleaned. Clean entire handrail before polishing.

**Polishing Instructions:**

- Spray EHC Handrail Polish liberally onto a dry soft cotton cloth. Wipe generously across the surface of handrail rubber cover and allow to sit for 1-2 minutes.
- Using a fresh cotton cloth, remove excess polish using a light circular motion until handrail no longer feels “greasy”.

**Motion indicators on escalator handrails advise passengers of travel speed and direction. Keep motion indicators looking bright by regularly scheduled cleaning.**

**Warning:**

DO NOT USE abrasive cleaners, bleaches or chlorinated solvents as they will damage the handrail surface finish and may lead to premature failure. DO NOT USE wax and other lubricants to improve the sliding ability of the handrail. If the lubricants come into contact with the drive sheave, the handrail will begin to slip.