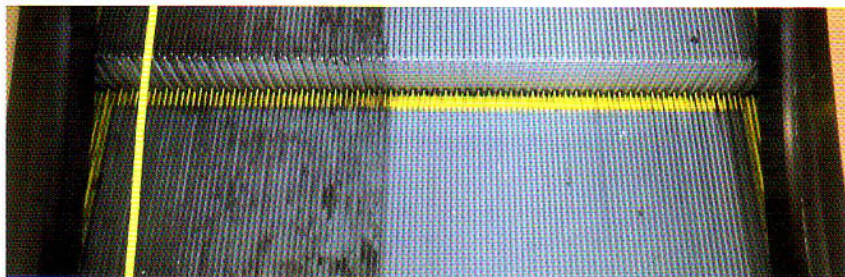


Escalator cleaner takes a step up



Before and after cleaning with the escalator cleaner.

Cleaning escalators is not an easy process according to Goscor Cleaning Equipment's (GCE) Matthew Middleton. "Unlike other cleaning methods such as steaming, machines with dry and abrasive brushes and aggressive hand cleaning, the GCE machine cleans escalators without removing powder coatings or scratching the surface," he says.

The exceptional performance of this particular escalator cleaner is further endorsed by recent orders placed by prominent cleaning contractor Lami Hygiene Care (LHC) for utilisation at two of Johannesburg's largest shopping centres located in Bedfordview and Sandton. LHC's Corne van Staden comments, "We were so satisfied with what it did at the first shopping centre that we had no hesitation in ordering one for the Sandton centre too."

The escalator cleaner sprays a measured, minimal amount of chemical solution onto the step and riser, which is then agitated onto the surfaces by brushes soft enough not to cause any

damage to either the aluminium or anodised and painted surfaces, but firm enough to remove tough dirt and grease. The specifically formulated chemical for use on all types of escalators combined with gentle and effective friction, enables the brushes to transport the dirt onto a collection tray from where it is removed by vacuum to a holding tank. The escalator surface is left clean and dry with no risk of contamination to lubricating oils in escalator drums or damage to electrical circuits.

During the cleaning process all embedded foreign matter, which could damage the escalator, is manually removed. "This is an important aspect of the cleaning process as all sand, dirt and spillage, which would normally have combined with oil and grease to form a grinding paste in the escalator mechanism, are completely removed," concludes Middleton. **acr**

For more information on the GCE escalator cleaner, email: cleaning@goscor.co.za