

TIPS FOR MOVING-FLOOR DRIVERS

Prevention is better than cure

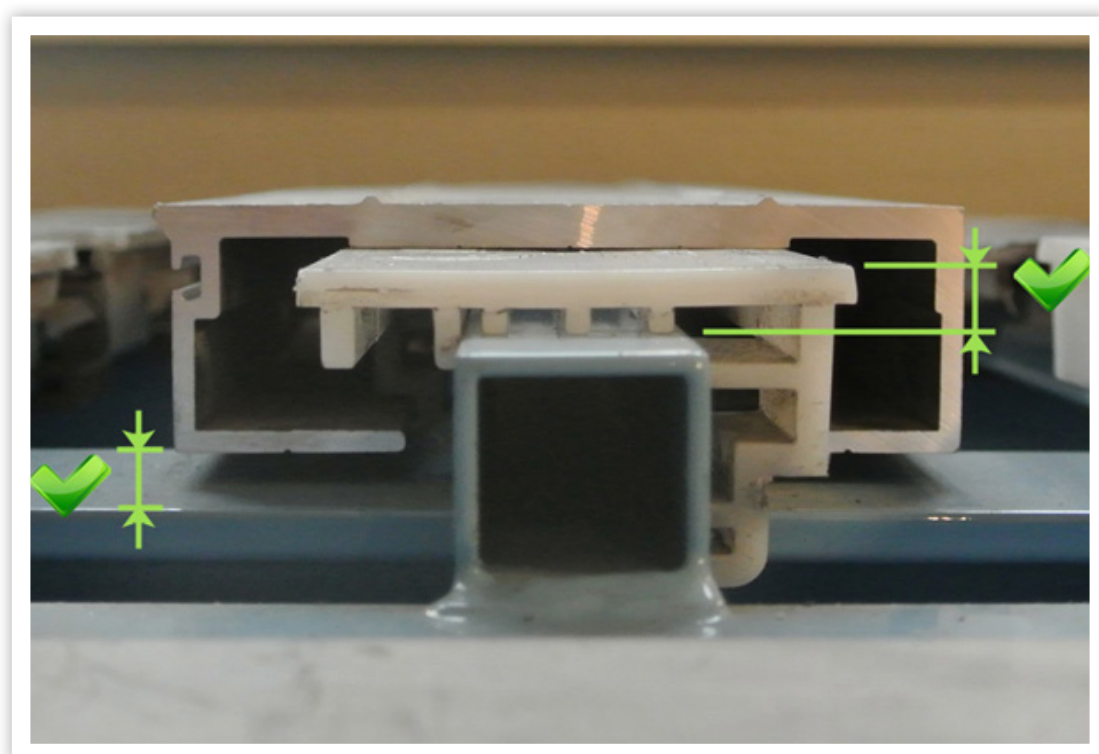


Your moving floor will eventually suffer some wear and tear as a result of usage. Obviously the extent to which it is used and the way in which it is used will affect the extent of the wear and tear. The last drivers' tip explained how floor maintenance has a great impact on the wear and tear. Another important factor is whether or not the plastic bearings under the floor are replaced in good time.

Plastic bearings

The plastic bearings that support the aluminium floor profiles are highly wear-resistant but they are not indestructible. When these plastic bearings wear, the underside of the floorboard also damages the top of the cross members. If the cross members wear out, you're looking at an expensive repair.

As prevention is better than cure, it makes sense to replace the plastic bearings in good time. But what does 'in good time' mean? Below we explain how to spot when it's time to replace the plastic bearings.



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Check

Check the underside of the floorboards about once a month behind the last axle under the trailer while the floor is moving. Your plastic bearings are worn if:

Situation 1: if the underside of the chassis is uncoated

If the underside of the chassis is uncoated, the underside of the floorboards will become black with use. If the underside of the floorboard and the cross member come into contact with each other, the aluminium will become bare again. This is a signal that the plastic bearings are worn and therefore need to be replaced

Situation 2: if the underside of the chassis is coated

If the underside of the chassis is coated aluminium and the underside of the floorboard and the cross member come into contact with each other, the paint will start to disappear. This is a signal that you need to replace the plastic bearings as they are worn.

These checks will enable you to determine yourself if you need to replace the plastic bearings. This will avoid unnecessary wear on your moving floor.



If you would prefer to have somebody else carry out this check, [your dealer](#) can of course help you to inspect your bearings quickly and professionally. You can have this check carried out periodically so that you retain an overview of the extent of wear on your type of transport.

Are you a driver of a moving-floor trailer with a handy tip for your colleagues? Send your tip to Marketing@knapen-trailers.nl and you could see it featured in the next newsletter.

Tip: Print out this driver's tip and hang it up in the company canteen for your colleagues to read.