

AKO[®] PRODUCT HISTORY

From the simple carpet underlay **AKO** Standard to the present yoga mat **AKO** YingYang - our products in a chronological overview.

1960

The breakthrough **AKO** Standard, the first slip-resistant carpet underlay a simple grid is developed and is brought to the market.

1963

In november the first full surface carpet underlay **AKO** Elastic 4,5 is produced.

1964

AKO Super is produced for the first time. This grid was initially coated with natural rubber latex, since 1969 the coating is based on PVC.

1965

AKO Elasic 2,5 is included in the program. This full plain carpet underlay is still an important product of the portfolio.

1967

The well-known tablecloth underlay **AKO** Ideal is introduced to the market.

1968

AKO Stop the first patented carpet underlay for carpet backing on carpet, a flocked grid, is produced.

1971

AKO Universal comes in the range. This product can be universally used as a carpet or as a table cloth underlay.

1972

AKO Flock a full surface anti-slip mat with a soft surface made of polyester fibers is produced.

1973

AKO Velourwand a wallpaper flocked with ripple structure is included in the range. But this kind of wallparer could not convince and was soon removed from the program.

1975

AKO Spezialvlies the first fully patented carpet underlay for carpet on carpet is presented. By a special procedure, the so-called needling, the fleece is given a rough spiky surface which makes it possible that the laid carpet does not slip. From 1979 additional acrylate glue is applied to provide a higher slip resistance. The further development is today's product **AKO** Topvlies II.

1976

AKO Terra the first flooring for outdoor is produced. **AKO** Terra finds its use as a mat with dust control properties, but also as an artificial grass replacement.

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1982

AKO Alltex a full-surface tablecloth underlays with fine polyester hairs comes into the product range.

1983

AKO Sport a full-area soft non-slipping gymnastic mat is produced for the first time. This is the beginning of the sports and yoga mats range.

1990

AKO Safty Mat an outdoor floor covering with granulate application that provides high slip resistance (R13) in wet and icy conditions is developed and registered with the patent office. This patented type of outdoor floor covering is now one of the strongest products in terms of sales.


In **2018**, due to changes in the production process, it is possible to market uni-coloured safety mats under the product name **AKO UNICO** on the market.

1999

The studio mat **AKO** Yoga will be included in the range. The mat is available in 6 colors.

In **2006**, the Oeko-Tex Standard 100 Class 1 eco certification was achieved.

In **2009**, **AKO** Yoga was once again improved and is now phthalate-free.

In **2018**, is registered under the IR trademark 1334971 

In **2022**, the first yoga mat with chemcycling plasticizer produced.

2010

AKO Schneck snail fence - snail defense without poison, an innovative product to keep snails out of beds.

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AKO Babymat is a gymnastic and play mat for kindergardens, pekip groups and for private children's rooms. The crawling mat develops from the yoga mat.

In **2017**, the babymat is registered under the EU trademark 015657761 

2014

AKO Car Coloured a colorful trunk mat was put into the program.

2016

AKO Elastic 2,5 is produced in versions B1 - flame retardant and KLEB – adhesive.

2019

AKO PRIMA the first acrylate-based carpet underlay is registered as a utility model.