



# Rubber covers for floors in cattle houses









Cow comfort - the key to your success!



Less

- - slipping & fall injuries
- claw damages
- lameness
- - lying damages & joint injuries
- - noise & stress
- - veterinarian- / claw treatment costs
- - stock replacement costs
- effort for cubicle maintenance

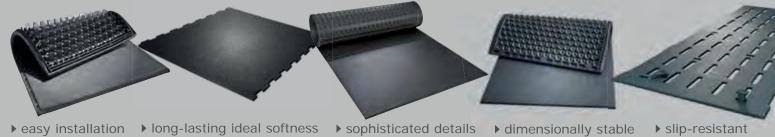
If flooring in cattle houses was as soft as in nature, conditions for cows would be more comfortable and healthier. After all, the cows use the floor in the cattle house 24 hours a day for lying, standing and walking.

### The cow needs animal-friendly lying and walking areas:

- ▶ permanently soft
- hygienic
- ▶ slip-resistant
- = prerequisite for high productivity and longevity

### Our solution:

Rubber coverings for every application in the cow house, especially developed for and optimally adapted to the particular requirements of each area.





# More

- ++ comfort
- ++ mobility
- ++ milk yield
- ++ fertility
- ++ natural animal behaviour
- ++ hygiene
- ++ thermal balance
- ++ healthy & happy cows



# Higher milk yield due to animal-friendly lying and walking areas 9500 9300 9300 9100 8500 Iying comfort walking comfort Source: Eelkema, Helkamp, Hopster, 2004













### Our experience is your gain

### KRAIBURG - predominant in the rubber industry

KRAIBURG has established itself as a competent specialist in the rubber business since 1947. The KRAIBURG Holding GmbH & Co. KG has a staff of more than 2,000 employees worldwide.

### 50 years of quality made in Germany



KRAIBURG

Since 1968 we have been developing and manufacturing rubber mats for animal husbandry in Tittmoning/Germany. Today about 200 employees exclusively concentrate on that. Our goal is to achieve more than just fulfilling general legal requirements, but furthermore apply environmentally friendly manufacturing processes.

# Premium quality rubber from resource-saving production

Rubber mats are subject to very high stress in animal husbandry. We have been manufacturing high-quality rubber mixtures with a unique process for 50 years. Experience will tell you that not all rubber mats are the same.

### **External certification**

To ensure our quality consistently, we are certified with the worldwide ISO 9001 standard. Our effective Quality System So 9001:2015



energy management system is specifically certified with ISO 50001.

### Pioneer in transparency

We keep our doors wide open, and we are continuously monitored and tested by the DLG for product and production quality. These controls cover the entire



manufacturing process from raw material to finished product. Both the quality measures from the DLG tests, and our environmental compatibility (here we have achieved PAH test certification), are inspected during ongoing production. The process audit is repeated every year, and is therefore higher-ranking than any one-off test conducted by the DLG. We are the first manufacturer to be awarded the quality seal!

### Innovative products for better animal welfare

We operate an in-house laboratory and test the properties of our products here.

For independent attestation we also have them tested by the DLG (results at www.dlg.org).



Moreover, the products have been licensed by the Austrian specialist department for animal-friendly husbandry and animal protection.





Overview of cubicle coverings			<b>•</b>
	TARSA	****	<b></b>
Dairy cattle	KEW Plus	****	<b> </b>
<i>y</i>	WINGFLEX	****	<b>•</b>
	WELA / WELA Puzzle / WELA LongLine	***	<b> </b>
Dairy cattle / young cattle	KKM / KKM Puzzle / KKM LongLine	***	<b>)</b>
	KIM / KIM Puzzle / KIM LongLine	***	<b>&gt;</b>
Young cattle	CALMA	**	þ.
Brisket boards	ergoBOARD / maxiBOARD		<b>)</b>
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Elevated deep litter cubicle	maxiBOX		<b>)</b>
Deep litter cubicle	POLSTA		<b> </b>
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Slatted floor			<b>&gt;</b>
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Workplace milking pit	ergoMILK		F
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Spe	cial areas			
	Pens – young cattle	LOSPA swiss / LOSPA SB / KURA SB	<b>&gt;</b>	34
	Calving pen / selection area	VITA / SIESTA	<b>&gt;</b>	36
	Steep passages	MONTA	<b>•</b>	38
	Soil stabilisation	LOMAX	<b>•</b>	38
	Tying stalls / elevated feed stalls	LENTA / KEN	<b>•</b>	39

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	Dimensions / general product data (warranty, installation, maintenance)	<b>&gt;</b>	40

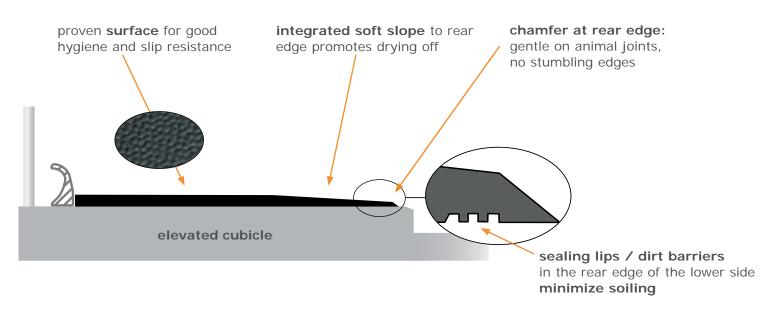


product	application	special features	thickness	page
TARSA  ★ ★ ★ ★ ★	elevated cubicle dairy cattle	comfort zones	60 mm	8
KEW Plus  ★★★★★	elevated cubicle dairy cattle	3-functional layers	60 mm	10
WINGFLEX  ★★★★	elevated cubicle dairy cattle	wing profile	60 mm	11
WELA  ★ ★ ★	elevated cubicle dairy cattle / young cattle	blade profile	50 mm	12
KKM ★ ★ ★	elevated cubicle dairy cattle / young cattle	honeycomb profile	30 mm	13
KIM  ★ ★ ★	elevated cubicle dairy cattle / young cattle	air cushion profile	30 mm	14
CALMA  ★ ★	elevated cubicle young cattle	air-cushion-like profile	30 mm	15
ergoBOARD / maxiBOARD	brisket boards		18.5 cm / 11 cm	16
maxiBOX	elevated deep litter cubicle	4-component system	30 mm	18
POLSTA NEW	deep litter cubicle	deep litter cubicle cushion	100 mm	19



## KRAIBURG comfort lying mats - advantages at a glance

■ many additional functions:



- Significant litter savings compared to deep litter cubicles. However, some litter is necessary to absorb moisture and increase animal welfare (see tips for maintenance on page 43).
- optimal resilience
  - ▶ sinking in of the claw enhances slip resistance
- outstanding rubber mixture
  - ▶ ideal quality rugged and permanently soft
- minimum effort for maintenance









- optimal and permanent softness for every load condition
- the soft lying area within the mat edges supports the correct resting position of the cow
- proven 3-layer structure in the front section is gentle on carpal joints

Significant litter savings compared to deep-litter cubicles.

However, some litter is necessary to absorb moisture and increase animal welfare.

### ■ specially designed tarsal zone in the rear third of the mat:

- ▶ pressure relief for sensitive tarsal joints when lying down
- ▶ better air circulation keeps the skin drier
- ▶ even small amounts of litter are held in place and it can still be cleaned easily
- ▶ improved sure-footedness, especially when getting up and when leaving the cubicle
- ▶ integrated soft slope to rear edge promotes drying off
- ▶ the functional undulation of the lower mat, which is reproduced on the top layer over time, additionally supports the hygiene in the udder area



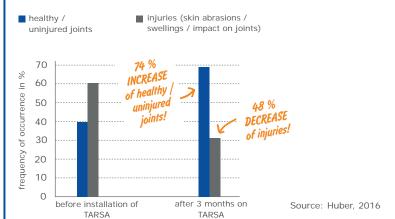




**connecting bar** engages flush with the surface and facilitates professional installation

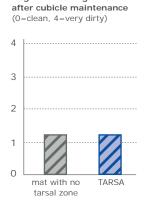
### Research results

### Caring for tarsal joints

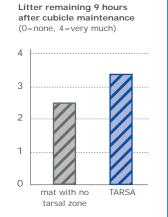


positive effect on tarsal joints even after a short period of time: steady improvement in joint health

### Cleanness and amount of litter in comparison



Degree of soiling 9 hours



litter is held better on TARSA with the same cleanness



### **KEW Plus**



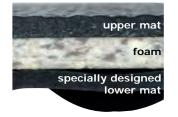




the benchmark for excellent lying comfort for 15 years

- the three functional layers ensure optimal and permanent softness for every load condition
- the soft lying area within the mat edges supports the correct resting position of the cow and improves slip resistance
- integrated soft slope to rear edge promotes drying off
- proven pebbled surface
- sealing lips completely surround the foam inlay and the lower mat ▶ the foam is protected





3 functional layers:6 cm highest lying comfort





connecting bar engages flush with the surface and facilitates professional installation



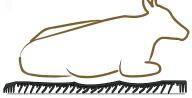
## WINGFLEX





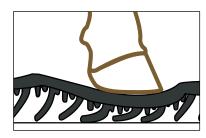


excellent cost-comfort ratio for 10 years



mat adapts to the lying cow

- stable wing profile creates high permanent softness and durability ▶ adapts optimally to body shape
- the soft lying area within the mat edges supports the correct resting position of the cow and improves slip resistance
- integrated soft slope to rear edge promotes drying off
- proven pebbled surface



supporting studs have a cushioning effect under concentrated loads (when the cow gets up or lies down)



a profile element (wing + supporting studs): extremely stable, wear resistant and flexible simultaneously



**sealing lips** on lower side





**indented connecting bar** engages in the countersinks on the mat's edge and facilitates professional installation





# WELA / WELA Puzzle / WELA LongLine



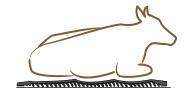




WELA now available as single / puzzle mat or continuous system



- stable blade profile creates high permanent softness and durability ▶ adapts to body shape
- integrated soft slope to rear edge promotes drying off
- proven pebbled surface
- WELA LongLine: special profiles for the "neat" closure at the side edges of the cubicle row reduce soiling





lower side profile with blades and supporting studs: stable and flexible simultaneously

### options:



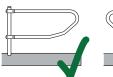
with straight edges



with puzzle shaped edges



as continuous system WELA LongLine





lower side construction allows no slitting or cutting-out for pockets (e.g. for pillars, etc) ▶ suitable for cantilever dividers only



# KKM / KKM Puzzle / KKM LongLine









the cosy mat classic since 2002

- the highly wear resistant honeycomb profile creates excellent and permanent lying comfort
- integrated soft slope to rear edge promotes drying off
- proven pebbled surface
- KKM LongLine: installation independent of divider arrangement



the **sealing lips** have proven themselves in practice



sealing lips on lower side

### options:



with straight edges



with KK-Poly-T-Bar e.g. for stall equipment with mushroom dividers or especially when using very fine

litter



with puzzle shaped edges



as continuous system KKM LongLine



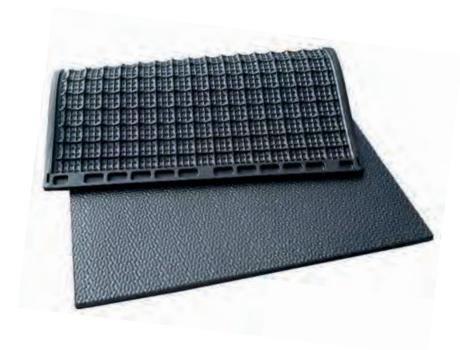
# KIM / KIM Puzzle / KIM LongLine













- the supple, highly wear resistant air cushion profile creates pleasant and permanent lying comfort
- integrated soft slope to rear edge promotes drying off
- proven pebbled surface
- KIM LongLine: installation independent of divider arrangement



sealing lips on lower side

### options:



with straight edges



with KK-Poly-T-Bar with puzzle e.g. for stall equipment with mushroom dividers or especially when using very fine litter



shaped edges



as continuous system KIM LongLine



# CALMA



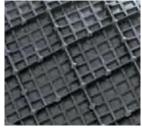






- pleasant and permanent softness through air-cushion-like lower side profile, also in the area of the puzzle connection
- puzzle connection ensures a practically seamless floor area
- proven pebbled surface

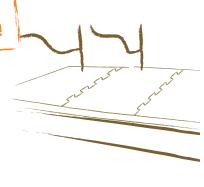
Installation as a continuous system — independent of divider arrangement!



air-cushion-like lower side profile: soft and

sturdy

chamfer at rear edge





### ergoBOARD / maxiBOARD

### ergoBOARD:



back side

### maxiBOARD:



plastic board as shim for maxiBOARD on the 6 cm thick mats

research findings: **20 % of the animals stretch out their foreleg in the pasture.** (Pelzer et al., 2007)

▶ Cows like to lie in this natural position in the cow house, too. The brisket board should make this possible with no hindrances.

### Brisket boards made of rubber

- animal-friendly, flexible and robust
- complement ideally the cubicle's control devices
- combination with various lying mat systems possible
- easy retrofitting possible

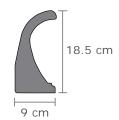
### ■ ergoBOARD:

- ▶ easily applicable for every mat thickness
- very elastic

# ■ maxiBOARD:

- ▶ easy to put in litter from the head space
- ▶ fits every cubicle width

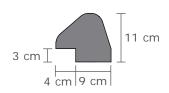
### Cross section ergoBOARD:



**Attention:** The installation of ergoBOARD is possible at a lying place width of at least 115 cm, as you need one ergoBOARD per cubicle.

Suitable for elevated cubicles only.

### Cross section maxiBOARD:



pleasantly soft contact area

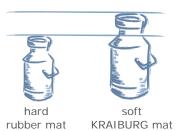
allows natural lying positions with foreleg stretched out



### **Economic efficiency**

■ Higher milk yield on a soft KRAIBURG lying mat

Comparing lying areas:



about 1.5 kg per cow per day MORE MILK

Source: LfL Sachsen, 1999

■ Low litter requirements and minimal labour input for maintenance

### Straw requirements per cow per year

Elevated cubicle with KRAIBURG mat: Ø 40 kg Deep-litter cubicle with straw: Ø 260 kg

### Labour requirements per cow per year

Elevated cubicle with KRAIBURG mat:  $\varnothing$  95 minutes Deep-litter cubicle with straw:  $\varnothing$  265 minutes

Source: Heidenreich, 2007

### Health

### Interrelation between higher milk yield and health status with different housing systems

Risk for	concrete	soft covers
udder diseases	<b>^</b>	<b>V</b>
teat lesions	<b>^</b>	<b>V</b>
early culling	<b>^</b>	<b>V</b>

soft lying covers result in higher milk yields and reduce the risk of udder diseases, teat lesions and early culling

Source: Ruud et al., 2010

### Anatomical background

hock joint on hard lying surface:
the weight burden on one spot

▶ disturbed blood flow, damage to
the roots of the hair and to the
skin



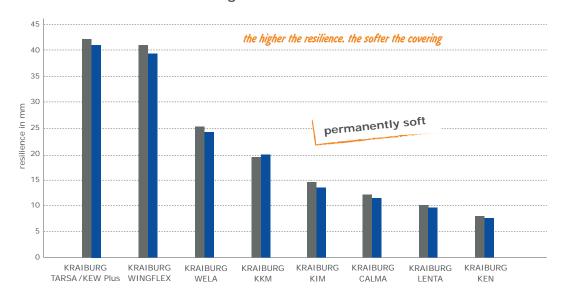
hock joint on soft lying surface: the weight is distributed to a larger surface

caring for joints



### Softness & durability

### Softness before and after long-term test



before long-term test

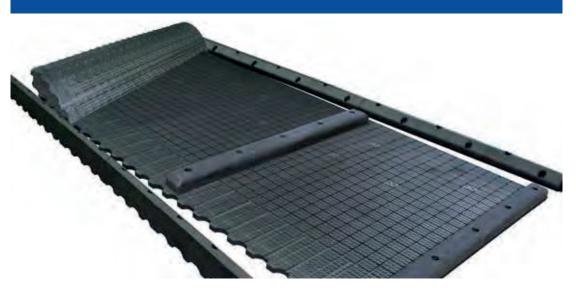
after long-term test

even the softest
lying systems are
permanently robust and
almost equally as soft
after permanent load

Source: KRAIBURG laboratory (measure taken in the middle of the mat), compare it with DLG test reports - www.dlg.org



### maxiBOX



### 4-component system

- rubber cover (roll) + rubber profile with drainage at rear curb + rubber brisket board + profile at side as side lying area boundary
- ensures year-round functional safety > consistent comfort
- recommended littering depth: 3 5 cm

### Prerequisites for the concrete surface (lying area):

- ▶ at least a 3 % slope
- ▶ about 10 cm high





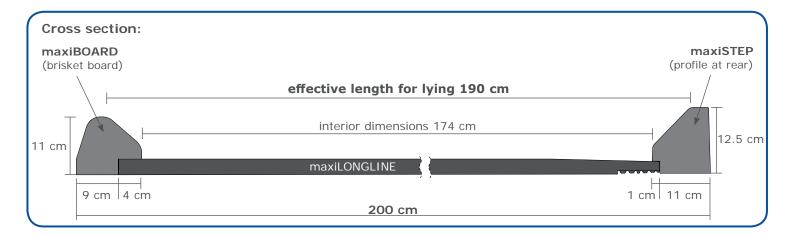
pliant air cushion profile on lower side



intelligent surface profile retains litter especially well



integrated slope, drainage grooves and openings at the rear













- after installation, the deep litter cubicle should be filled as usual

- ▶ The deep litter cubicle cushion
- 10 cm thick "cushion" made of 2 functional layers:
  - lower mat with blade profile
    - ▶ ideal shock absorption of the concentrated load when the cow gets up or lies down
  - upper mat with big air cushions
    - ▶ retains the upper layer of litter especially well and is pliably soft
- replaces the thick lower layer of litter in the difficult to be maintained head space of the deep litter cubicle
  - ▶ provides a consistently stable and comfortable sub-construction
  - ▶ is gentle on the carpal joints
- offers easy management and saves litter
- deep litter cubicle system remains unchanged at the rear



lower side profile with **blades and supporting studs:** stable and flexible simultaneously



fixings are countersunk in the stable surrounding edge



smooth transition from the rubber cushion to the litter with animal-friendly "neat" edge



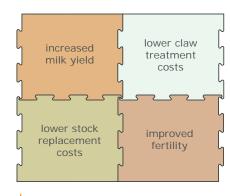


### KRAIBURG walking area coverings

- ensure softness and improved slip resistance in the cattle house
- increase walking comfort
  - ▶ support claw health, well being and mobility
  - ▶ promote feed intake and high yield
  - ▶ improve heat detection and increase reproduction rate
  - ▶ support longevity and reduce the stock replacement rate
- good hygiene
- can contribute to emission reduction (see p. 32 f.)
- ice layers loosen themselves easier from the elastic cover
- help to reduce noise and stress
- faster milking through improved parlour entrance and exit and relaxed cows
- suitable for both new construction and renovation

### KRAIBURG quality

- sturdy mats, permanently stable in position and form
- puzzle compensates for natural thermal expansion, practically a seamless floor area
- simple and fast installation
  - ▶ easy-to-handle single mats
  - ▶ prefabricated fixing points ease installation
  - ▶ floor renovation in the parlour possible between milking times
- The walking area coverings can be driven on with standard equipment such as farm yard loader or tractor with authorized pneumatic tyres at the recommended inflation pressure up to max. 4 bar. (Notice: drive with due care and steer in large radius!)\*



the investment in animal-friendly walking areas pays off





## profiKURA - with abrasive surface

Abrasive rubber floorings create optimized claw abrasion, very similar to conditions in nature, where sandy constituents in the elastic soil ensure that horn formation and abrasion are kept balanced.

With profiKURA the abrasive agent corundum and the special profiling integrated into the surface provide for gentle claw abrasion.



natural ground is soft, sufficiently non-slippery and maintains the claws

### Abrasive corundum

- the second hardest mineral after diamonds
- does not react with acids and bases: best precondition for use in slurry environments
- patented technology which has been well-proven in the KRAIBURG-group for many years
- in practice, an exceptionally high level of sure-footedness has been demonstrated



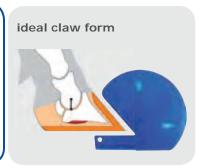


### Advice on claw trimming

profiKURA maintains the claw form, but claw trimming is still necessary!

▶ Claws must still be trimmed regularly, but only for the purpose of claw care and less for position correction or complex treatment.

We recommend functional claw trimming 4 to 6 weeks before the mats are installed. Important: do not install the mats at the same time you trim claws, because the claw has to become accustomed to the abrasion.







### product

### special features

# Profikura OB/14 Rutschfestigkeit

### All in one product – on all walking areas in the cattle house:

- animal-friendly softness and improved grip
  - ▶ especially recommended if there is a risk that manure removal systems only achieve a moderate cleaning result (smear layer of drying dung), e.g. open cow housings, wide walking alleys, housings that are not fully occupied, ...
  - ▶ for slopes up to max. 6 %
- optimized claw abrasion
- installation: full coverage on all walking areas in the cattle house

  ▶ balanced content of abrasive agent in the surface

# KURA SIGNUM TEST OND bestanden KURA P/S

### The proven "all-round solution":

- animal-friendly softness and certified grip
- the benchmark for excellent walking comfort for more than 15 years
- for slopes up to max. 3 %
- optional with pediKURA® abrasion zones (20 %) for selective claw abrasion
  - ▶ concentrated content of abrasive agent in the surface

# FOKUS TEST 04/14 Rutschfestigkeit

### Basic product: simple and solid mat

- suitable for various areas (walking alley, milking parlour, collecting yard, travel lane, ...)
- for slopes up to max. 3 %
- meets the fundamental requirements for an animal-friendly walking alley mat
- quad-surface: slip-proof and easy to clean
- lower side with multisquare profile: robust and pleasantly soft

### **KRAIBURG** fastening system on paved / concrete floors:

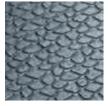
- extremely sturdy and safe
- rounded off and flush with the mat







lower side	thickness	options		page
2 5	24 mm	paved / concrete floor with scraper	profiKURA P	24
optiGrip- surface stud profile		paved / concrete floor without scraper	profiKURA Flex / Form	25
		special areas	profiKURA Rotary / CowWalk / Flush / SUN	26
		slatted floor	profiKURA S	27
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stud profile

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quad-surface



multisquare profile

21 mm

paved / concrete floor	KARERA P	28

### KRAIBURG fastening system on slatted floors:

▶ patented rubber peg to prevent lateral slipping







# For paved / concrete floors with stationary scraper or mobile manure removal

## profiKURA P / KURA P

19 m<u>m</u> 24 mm

- available for every walking alley width, custom-fit in 2 cm increments
- the puzzle section parallel to the cleaning flaps is especially reinforced, so that the scraper can slide safely across it
- dirt barriers reduce soiling underneath the mats
- Scraper manure removal on rubber flooring has been proven in practice: In principal we recommend the use of scrapers specifically developed for rubber floors. For structural alterations it is necessary to adapt the scraper facilities in coordination with the scraper manufacturer, according to the KRAIBURG guidelines for manure scrapers.

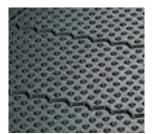


Important: check the scraper at least once a year and grind off the sharp edges!





reinforced puzzle-shaped edges



dirt barriers









For areas like milking parlours, collecting yards, travel lanes, crossing passages, ... without scraper or mobile manure removal

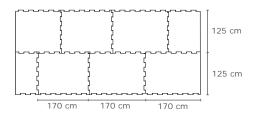
### profiKURA Flex / KURA Flex

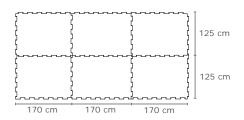
19 mm 24 mm

### ▶ The flexible one

■ through the versatile dimensions and combination possibilities, the most unusually shaped areas can be covered; the mats might only have to be cut to shape on the edges of the surface

### Covering examples:









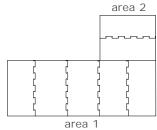


### profiKURA Form / KURA Form

### ▶ The tailor-made one

- dimensionally accurate projected solutions for surfaces with one or more adjoining rectangular areas
- exactly fitting mats with an easily understandable installation plan
   ▶ easy installation practically no cutting work no cut-off





(for technical reasons the adjoining areas do not have puzzle-shaped sides as standard)



### In the rotary parlour carousel

Fits perfectly!

### profiKURA Rotary / KURA Rotary

- tailor-made for each rotary parlour carousel
- can be installed piece by piece between milking times





### For long travel lanes (purposive locomotion)

### profiKURA CowWalk / KURA CowWalk

- cows prefer the soft, claw-friendly "KURA-tracks" and walk more confidently
- ideal softness for high stress on travel lanes



### Floor prerequisites:

▶ recessed concrete area: 625 mm wide (+/- 5 mm) and at least 27 mm deep (or 22 mm with type E – for flushing manure removal with sand lying areas)

**IMPORTANT:** With mobile manure removal or stationary scraper, a rubber lip is necessary which ensures a satisfactory cleaning result. Please keep in mind that the surface of the mat could be several mm below the level of the concrete floor.



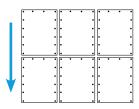
### For areas with flushing manure removal

### profiKURA Flush / KURA Flush

■ with straight edges

■ with U-shaped fastening

water running direction



### For areas with extreme solar radiation

### profiKURA SUN / KURA SUN options

- expansion slits in the mat balance out larger thermal expansion
- reduces bulges due to temperature-induced expansion



### Tailor-made for every slatted floor geometry

# Fits perfectly!

### profiKURA S / KURA S



- dimensional stability and long durability through large-scale mats extending over several slatted floor elements
- compatible with use of manure scraper, robot scraper and wheeled traffic
- The mats are generally dimensioned according to the guidelines established by our specialists. The slatted floor must be suitable for covering with KRAIBURG mats.

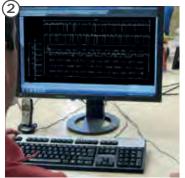
### Prerequisites for slatted floors:

- ▶ slit width: starting at 24 mm
- ▶ slat width within concrete element: starting at 80 mm

### **Customisation:**



slatted floor is measured



mats are individually dimensioned



with modern CAD software the based on the CAD created drawing, the slits are cut exactly into the mats with innovative water jet technology











### Basic product: simple and solid mat for paved / concrete floor

### **KARERA P**

18 mm 21 mm

- width custom-fit in 5-cm increments
- through the versatile dimensions and combination possibilities, the most unusually shaped areas can be covered
- Scraper manure removal on rubber flooring has been proven in practice:
  In principal we recommend the use of scrapers specifically developed for rubber floors. For structural alterations it is necessary to adapt the scraper facilities in coordination with the scraper manufacturer, according to the KRAIBURG guidelines for manure scrapers.



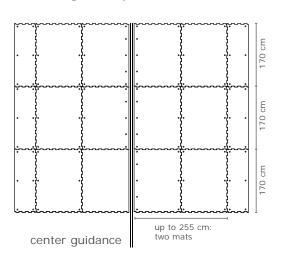
Important: check the scraper at least once a year and grind off the sharp edges!

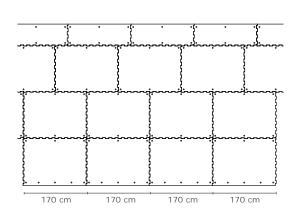






### Covering examples:







## ergoMILK

12 m<u>m</u>

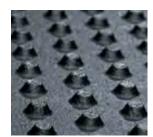




Cow comfort – naturally! And what about man?



- The ergonomic mat for the milking pit
- feels pleasantly soft underfoot
- slip resistant diamond surface ▶ elastic and secure underfoot
- heat insulating
- easy to clean and disinfect



lower side profile: 5 mm high, deformable studs



diamond surface



puzzle: the clean seam

### Prerequisites / tips on installation:

- subsurface must be even and clean
- lay out using floating method (no plugging and further fastening)
- lay out mats, do not press them together (join loosely)
- lay out completely to avoid stumbling edges!
- maintain a 2 to 15 cm distance to the edge (side wall) ▶ cleaning gutter
- for adjustments at site, the mats can easily be cut with a sharp knife tip: moisten the knife and cut along a guide batten laid against the mat not available for USA/CAN



### The right softness makes all the difference!

Problem: On hard floors claw damages often occur, more than 80 % of them on the outer claws of the hind legs.



- claw sinks in
- hollow gives support
- cow feels safe

### Background:

The outer toe is approx. 3 mm longer by nature.



Source: Muggli, 2007

### Natural ground contact of cattle:



The hind outer claw steps down first and therefore absorbs the peak load.



The inner claw takes the secondary impact - faster on a soft surface than on a hard surface.

Source: Schmid, Weishaupt, Meyer, Waldern, Peinen, Nuss, 2008

Figures: Nuss

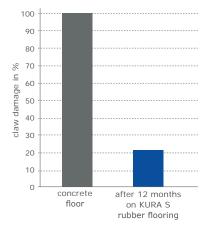
### ▶ Floor requirements:

the claw sinks approx. 3 mm into the ground for optimal protection against overload

The soft KURA covering is especially adapted to the natural requirements of the cow!

### Claw health

### Claw damages: comparing concrete slatted floor - KURA rubber cover



positive effect on claw health:

drastic reduction of claw damage

# Pressure distribution on soft KURA rubber



measures show correct bearing pressure on the intact claw wall

pressure distribution of claws after 6 months exposure to walkways with soft rubber

Source: Telezhenko, Bergsten, Magnusson, Ventorp, Nilsson, 2008



ideal shaping of the bearing rim

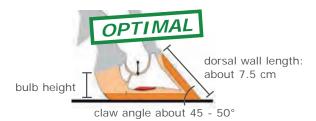


# Claw health on soft-abrasive floors



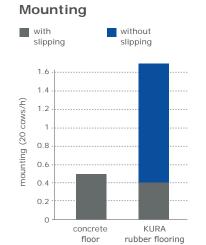
- constant claw angle of about 50°
- less dermatitis digitalis
- less Rusterholz sole ulcer incl. primary stages
- less laminitis
- tendency to less sole wall ulcers
- tendency to less chronical hyperplasia (corns in the interdigital cleft)
- less clinically lame animals

Soft-abrasive floors make it possible to maintain the physiologically correct claw form. The claws are considerably healthier!



Source: Günther, 2015

# Natural animal behaviour – well-being





mounting considerably more often on KURA

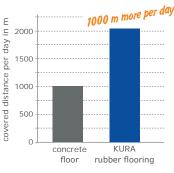
slipping on rubber flooring does not affect the animals

the cows feel safe and have confidence in the KURA floor

Source: Benz, 2002

### **Better mobility**

### Covered walking distance





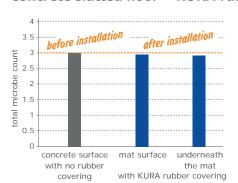
routes in the cow house

considerably higher activity on walking areas after installing rubber covers

Source: Benz, 2002

### Hygiene

# Microbe climate in animal housing: comparing concrete slatted floor – KURA rubber cover



slightly lower microbe formation on rubber mat surface and underneath the mat

Source: Reiter, Partes, Koßmann, 2006

### **Economic efficiency**

### ▶ Costs for a claw ulcer treatment:

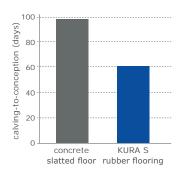
- Costs for treatment
- · Less milk

At least 300 EURO for one claw ulcer

▶ 1.6 bn EURO damage through claw diseases / 10 - 15 % culling (EU)

Source: Herrmann, 2006

### Calving-to-conception intervals



considerably shorter calving intervals

Source: Kremer et al., 2007



### Reduction of ammonia emissions

Many countries have committed themselves to reduce ammonia emissions. These are mainly caused by agriculture. Cattle husbandry accounts for the largest share of this. Apart from slurry storage and application, housing construction measures are coming into focus more and more.

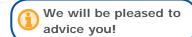
However, there are currently no concrete guidelines for implementation. Moreover, animal welfare should not be ignored. Possible solutions often contain several components. The success of a system also depends heavily on housing management. Measures combining both environmental protection and animal welfare will become interesting in the near future.

### How does ammonia develop in the cow house?

The urea in the urine is split into ammonia and carbon dioxide by the enzyme urease within a short time. Important factors besides the house climate are the floor condition and its cleanliness.

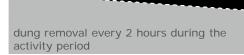
### How can ammonia emissions be reduced?

- ▶ rapid urine drainage, associated with frequent cleaning
- ▶ minimized soiled surfaces, e.g. elevated feed stalls (see page 39)



### Results from the experimental dairy housing Agroscope, Tänikon, CH

Ammonia reduction with KRAIBURG walking area coverings



3 % slope

**Ammonia** reduction:

Animal and environmental protection hand in hand!



Zähner, Poteko, Zeyer, Schrade, 2017 Schrade, Steiner, 2012 Picture: Agroscope, 2016



### For paved / concrete floor with a slope

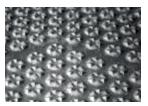
### profiKURA P



- animal-friendly softness, optimized claw abrasion and improved grip
- Scraper manure removal on rubber flooring has been proven in practice:
  In principal we recommend the use of scrapers specifically developed for rubber floors. Please consult us.

### Floor prerequisites:

▶ 3 % slope towards urine-collecting gutter







**stud profile** for ideal softness



**KRAIBURG fastening system:** extremely sturdy and safe, rounded off and flush with the mat



### For common longitudinal and transverse slats

### **KURA SB**



- $\blacksquare$  curved surface with approx. 5 % slope towards the slit
  - ▶ facilitates the draining of liquids and dries faster
  - ▶ increases cleanliness
  - ▶ therefore reduces the release of ammonia
- even better surefootedness



curved surface with square imprinting



**stud profile** for ideal softness



**KRAI BURG fastening system:** patented rubber peg to prevent lateral slipping – flush with the mat









### Individually tailor-made rubber covers for slatted floors

Fits perfectly!

- increased lying comfort
- The mats are generally dimensioned according to the guidelines established by our specialists. The slatted floor must be suitable for covering with KRAIBURG mats.
- For young cattle up to 250 kg animal weight (or up to 350 kg, if the animals are kept in the same pen for the whole breeding period) KURA S (see page 27) / KURA SB can be used. With higher weights we recommend LOSPA swiss / LOSPA SB for higher stress.



### For every slatted floor geometry

### **LOSPA** swiss







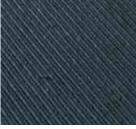


### Prerequisites for slatted floors:

- ▶ slit width: starting at 30 mm
- ▶ Slat widths up to 140 mm are recommended to keep the animals satisfactorily clean.



reinforced **grip-surface** for high stress



stable groove profile on lower side for high stress



optimized KRAIBURG fastening system: reinforced rubber peg with surrounding rim flush with the mat



### For common longitudinal and transverse slats



- curved surface with approx. 5 % slope towards the slit
  - ▶ facilitates the draining of liquids and dries faster
  - ▶ increases cleanliness
  - ▶ therefore reduces the release of ammonia
- even better surefootedness

### **LOSPA SB**

# 23 mm

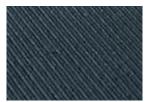
### Prerequisites for slatted floors:

- ▶ slit width: starting at 30 mm
- ▶ The slats have to be the same width.





reinforced, curved surface with square imprinting improves surefootedness



**stable groove profile on lower side** for high stress



optimized KRAIBURG fastening system: reinforced rubber peg with surrounding rim – flush with the mat

### **KURA SB**



GUMMIWERK KRAIBURG ELASTIK KURA SB UND LOSPA SB ✓ Rutschfestigkeit

For young cattle up to 250 kg resp. 350 kg animal weight

### Prerequisites for slatted floors:

- ▶ slit width: starting at 24 mm
  Slit widths starting at 30 mm are recommended to keep the animals satisfactorily clean.
- The slats have to be the same width.





curved surface with square imprinting



**stud profile** for ideal softness



KRAIBURG fastening system: patented rubber peg to prevent lateral slipping – flush with the mat



### **VITA**



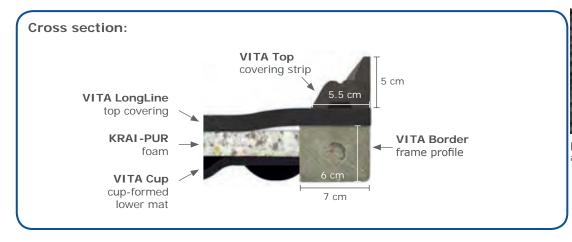








- the three functional layers (rubber-foam-rubber) ensure optimal and permanent softness for every load condition
- softness enhances slip resistance also for the calf
- heat insulating
- seamless top covering
  - ▶ easy to clean and disinfect
  - ▶ optimal hygiene
- frame profile surrounds the system
- covering strip for "neat" closure towards the wall reduced soiling
- significantly reduced need for bedding





proven **pebbled profile** on upper and lower side



## **SIESTA**



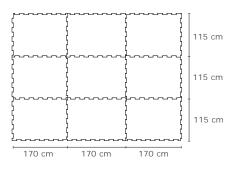


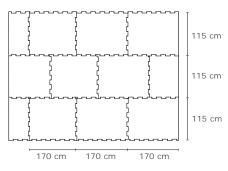




- comfortable softness through air-cushion-like lower side profile
- dimensionally stable, durable and slip resistant
- easy to clean and disinfect
- 4 sides with puzzle shaped edges ▶ very simple and flexible installation
- driving-over possible\*

### Covering examples:







in small pens up to approx. 15  $m^2$  SIESTA can be laid out using the floating method (i.e. without fastening)



# **MONTA**

16 mm 24 mm

▶ For steep passages with a slope of more than 6 %



- V-shaped, raised rib profile
  - ▶ gives the claw foothold
  - ▶ facilitates the drainage of liquids
- square imprinting between the ribs improves the grip
- walkable in both directions
- tested in practice on up to 15 % slope so far





rib profile on the surface

# LOMAX

19 m<u>m</u>

24 mm

▶ The simple soil stabilisation



- specially developed for muddy soil
- adapts to the ground
- simple installation with no substructure
- can also be used as a temporary solution▶ mats can easily be removed and laid out again





hole size: Ø about 30 mm

Installation:
lay out mats and attach
them to each other with
sturdy cable zip ties.



# **LENTA**









- softness through double structured stud profile
- high dimensional stability
- integrated soft slope to rear edge promotes drying off
- dirt barriers minimize soiling underneath the mat



elevated feed stalls



lower side

# KEN / KEN Puzzle











- lower side with simple studs gives softness
- dimensionally stable and durable





lower side



Thickness/height: Width: Length: Lying areas: TARSA: adjustable with connecting bar 183 cm approx. 60 mm mat: profile: cubicle: 112 cm 8 cm 120 cm 112 cm 13 cm 125 cm 112 cm 18 cm 130 cm Accessory: end-profile for closure at side edges of the cubicle row, width: 63 mm, length: 183 cm **KEW Plus:** approx. 60 mm adjustable with connecting bar 183 cm/192 cm (from 120 cm width) mat: profile: cubicle: 107 cm 8 cm 115 cm 120 cm 112 cm 8 cm 112 cm 13 cm 125 cm 112 cm 18 cm 130 cm Accessory: end-profile for closure at side edges of the cubicle row, width: 63 mm, length: 183 cm WINGFLEX: adjustable with connecting bar 183 cm approx. 60 mm mat: profile: cubicle: 102 cm 8 cm 110 cm 102 cm 13 cm 115 cm 112 cm 8 cm 120 cm 112 cm 13 cm 125 cm 112 cm 18 cm 130 cm Accessory: end-profile for closure at side edges of the cubicle row, width: 63 mm, length: 183 cm WELA: 50 mm 110/115/120/125 cm 183 cm WELA Puzzle: 110/120 cm 183 cm WELA LongLine: 165/170/183 cm 2.5 - 20 m in 10 cm increments WELA LongLine: lateral closure profiles right WELA-R and left WELA-L, width: 9 cm, length: 165/170/183 cm Accessory WELA LongLine: middle profile WELA-M for connecting two rolls, width: 13 cm, length: 165/170/183 cm KKM: 170/183 cm 30 mm 110/115/120/125/130 cm KKM Puzzle: 110/120/125 cm 170/183 cm KKM LongLine: 170/183/200 cm 2.5 - 50 m in 10 cm increments Accessory: KK-Poly-T-Bar for covering joint widths of 4 - 8 cm or closure at side edges, width: 13 cm, length: 120/165/180 cm 110/115/120/125 cm KIM: 30 mm 170 cm 110/115/120/125/130 cm 183 cm KIM Puzzle: 110/120 cm 170 cm 110/120/125 cm 183 cm KIM LongLine: 160/170/180 cm 2.5 - 50 m in 10 cm increments Accessory: KK-Poly-T-Bar for covering joint widths of 4 - 8 cm or closure at side edges, width: 13 cm, length: 120/165/180 cm CALMA: 30 mm 115 cm 140/150/160/170/180 cm ergoBOARD: 18.5 cm 115/120 cm 9 cm maxiBOARD: 11 cm 13 cm 175 cm Accessory: plastic board as shim when installing on TARSA, KEW Plus and WINGFLEX, heigth: 3 cm, width: 10 cm, length: 200 cm is fastened with maxiBOARD at the same time maxiBOX: consists of: maxiLONGLINE 30 mm 180 cm (special dimensions on request) 2.5 - 50 m in 10 cm increments maxiBOARD 11 cm 13 cm 175 cm 12 cm maxiSTFP 12.5 cm 175 cm maxiPROFIL XL 8 cm 13 cm 173 cm **POLSTA:** 100 mm 110 cm 91 cm

### **Dimensions**



Thickness/height: Width: Length: Walking & milking area: profiKURA / KURA 24 mm options: P / P SUN: 96 - 500 cm in 2 cm increments 125 cm (possibly several mat pieces are puzzled together) Flex: puzzle on 2 sides: 87.5/92/96/100/104.5/109/113/117/ 125 cm 121.5/126/130/134/138.5/143/147/ 151/155.5/160/164 cm (puzzle seam on wide sides) puzzle on 3 sides: 82/99/116/133/150/167 cm 125 cm (puzzle seam on wide sides and on one long side) Flex / Flex SUN: puzzle on 4 sides: 125 cm 170 cm Form / Form SUN / Rotary / S: tailor-made CowWalk: puzzle on 2 sides: 61 cm 170 cm Flush / Flush SUN: 125 cm 170 cm **KARERA P:** 21 mm puzzle on 2 sides: 95/100/105/110/115/120/125/130 cm 170 cm (puzzle seam on wide sides) 37.5/47.5/52.5/57.5/62.5/92.5/97.5/ puzzle on 3 sides: 170 cm 102.5/107.5/117.5/122.5/127.5 cm (puzzle seam on wide sides and on one long side) puzzle on 4 sides: 125 cm 170 cm ergoMILK: 17 mm puzzle on 2 sides: 95 cm 173/350 cm (puzzle seam on long sides) puzzle on 4 sides: 95 cm 170 cm Special areas: LOSPA swiss: 20 mm tailor-made LOSPA SB: 23 mm tailor-made **KURA SB:** 28 mm tailor-made VITA: approx. 65 mm max. 600 cm max. 525 cm consists of: VITA LongLine 15 mm 262/348/440/525 cm 250 - 600 cm in 10 cm increments KRAI-PUR 25 mm 120 cm 155 cm VITA Cup 25 mm 120 cm 135 cm VITA Top 5 cm 5.5 cm 200 cm VITA Border 7 cm 240 cm 6 cm SIESTA: 30 mm puzzle on 4 sides: 170 cm 115 cm MONTA: 24 mm 65/130 cm 200 cm LOMAX: 24 mm 110 cm 175 cm special dimensions on request



Thickness/height: Width: Length:

### Special areas:

**LENTA:**30 mm
100 cm
150/157/165/175/185 cm
110 cm
150/157/165/175/185/200 cm
120/130 cm
150/157/165/175/185/200/220 cm

Accessory: KK-Poly-T-Bar for covering joint widths of 4 - 8 cm or closure at side edges, width: 13 cm, length: 120/165/180 cm

KEN:	20 mm	90 cm	130/140/150/165 cm
		100 cm	130/140/150/165/175/185/200/220/350 cm
		110 cm	140/150/165/175/185/200/220/350 cm
		120 cm	150/165/170/175/180/185/200/220/350 cm
		130 cm	150/165/175/185/200/220/350 cm
KEN Puzzle:		105 cm	140/150/165/175/185 cm
		115 cm	140/150/165/175/185/200 cm
		125 cm	150/165/175/185/200 cm

### **Tolerances for KRAIBURG mats**

thickness: length + width:

+3/-2 mm +/- 1.5 % (DIN ISO 3302-1 tolerance class M4)

The tolerances also apply within the mat and when installed.

More technical details on request. The products presented here should only be used for the mentioned applications. Technical specifications are subject to alterations. All sales are subject to our General Terms and Conditions. Legal basis is the German version of the document.

## ▶ Our rubber mats are highly suitable for both new construction ...





### ... and renovation













### **KRAIBURG** warranty

Our name stands for quality. We guarantee as a German manufacturer that our products will function reliably for many years.

Products	KRAI BURG warranty	
TARSA / KEW Plus	rubber: foam:	10 years* 5 years*
WINGFLEX / WELA / KKM / KIM / CALMA / maxiBOX / POLSTA		10 years*
profiKURA / KURA / KARERA / LOSPA		5 years
VITA / SIESTA		5 years
LENTA / KEN		10 years

<sup>\*</sup> Only for exclusive use as cubicle covering, no combinations, e.g. feeding + lying.

More detailed information is available on request. Please pay attention to the information on the respective product pages.

### Installation - easy and fast

- Important: pay attention to our installation instructions and guidelines!
  - ▶ they are available in many languages
  - ▶ you will obtain these with the delivery, at your local KRAIBURG dealer or at www.kraiburg-elastik.com
  - ▶ there are also installation videos of many products available (see website)

simply scan code and download installation instructions or view installation videos







installation videos

### Tips for maintenance

- spread a small amount of litter on the lying mats, e.g. soft milled straw or mineral material
  - ▶ Moisture in the lying area, among other things, plays a major role in the development of skin diseases and infections!
- for cleaning the walking area floorings in combination with scraper manure removal:
  - ▶ adapt scraper facilities according to our specifications
  - ▶ check scraper at least once a year and grind off the sharp edges
- keep the walking and milking areas as clean as possible
  - ▶ Important for claw health and slip resistance!
- treatment with a high-pressure cleaner, as well as with standard cleaning agents is possible



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