

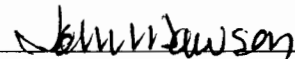
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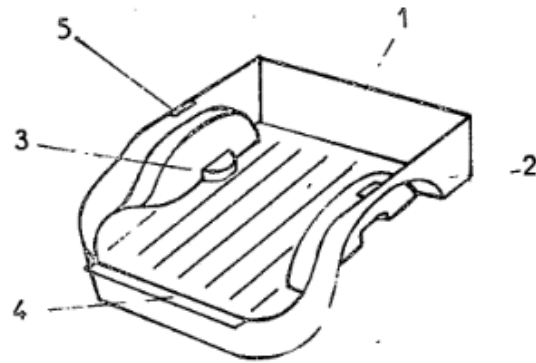
54. Protective tray for vehicle interiors.

57. 1. "Protective tray" for vehicle interiors.

2. The invention concerns floor mats with raised edges, forming a tray and providing effective protection of the floors and side walls of vehicle interiors at the feet of the driver, of the passengers, as well as of the trunks, against water, mud, snow and other soil.

The protective tray is produced from semi-rigid rubber or other material having the same properties. The flexibility of the material used makes it very handleable and the rigidity presses the raised edges against the walls.

3. The floor 1 is totally covered. The raised edges 2 and 3 conform to the topography of the interior and do not change the aesthetics desired by the manufacturer. Some flanges 4 are retentive to ensure good stability for the unit. Judiciously arranged handles 5 facilitate handling and installation of the protective tray.



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The purpose of the present invention is the protection of the floors and side walls of vehicle interiors; it concerns automobile floor mats, in the form of a tray, the sides of which perfectly conform to the contour of the vehicle interior at the feet of the driver, those of front and rear passengers as well as
5 front or rear trunks, for the purpose of ensuring effective protection against any soiling.

In the known devices of this type, only the floor is protected, even partially, against water, mud, snow and other soiling. The result is that the interior of vehicles is poorly protected and becomes deteriorated. Maintenance,
10 which is often difficult, must be carried out frequently in order to preserve a presentable interior. Transporting dirty materials in the trunk such as sand is not possible unless a lot of time is spent detaching and cleaning the walls.

The protective tray according to the invention makes it possible to avoid these disadvantages. The edges thereof, of unequal heights, are raised by
15 several centimeters over the full periphery thereof and therefore make it possible to keep the dirt inside the tray thus formed. The protective tray, produced from semi-rigid rubber or another material having the same properties, conforms to the contour of the vehicle interior, and thanks to the flexibility thereof, handling and installation are easy. The rigidity of the
20 material used presses the unit against the side walls of the vehicle. Once the protective tray is removed from the vehicle, it can be cleaned by simply spraying it off. Transporting sand, gravel, drums that are more or less sealed, in the trunk is no problem whatsoever for the maintenance of the vehicle. Muddy boots, snow or water cannot harm the vehicle interior. The thinness of the
25 material used only encroaches on a few millimeters of the space designed by the vehicle manufacturer, and thus does not change the desired aesthetic aspect.

The appended plates are provided by way of example:

Plate 1/5 is a rear 3/4 profile view at a 45° angle of a protective tray for a Lada Niva 4X4 trunk, rear seat folded forward,

30 Plate 2/5 is a rear 3/4 profile view at a 45° angle of a protective tray for a Lada Niva 4X4 trunk, rear seat in functional position,

Plate 3/5 is a rear 3/4 profile view at a 45° angle of a protective tray positioned beneath the feet of the driver of a Lada Niva 4X4,

Plate 4/5 is a rear 3/4 profile view at a 45° angle of a protective tray positioned beneath the feet of the front passenger of a Lada Niva 4X4,

- 5 Plate 5/5 is a front 3/4 profile view at a 45° angle of a protective tray positioned beneath the feet of the rear passengers of a Lada Niva 4X4.

As shown, the protective tray comprises: a) a corrugated bottom (1) totally covering the floor; b) raised edges (2) of unequal heights conforming to the interior contour of the vehicle, particularly the location of the wheels (3).

- 10 The walls and the bottom are produced from semi-rigid rubber or another material having the same properties. A simple pressure exerted on the walls, by means of judiciously arranged handles (5), folds down said walls and enables the protective tray to be released for removal from the vehicle interior.

- Some flanges (4) will be retentively shaped so as to achieve better stability of the unit.
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The present invention can be equipped on all vehicles, passenger or utility.

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