

A photograph of a modern dairy barn interior. In the foreground, a dark, textured rubber mat (DeLaval R18P) is laid out. In the background, several milking machines are visible, each with a black rubber mat on its base. The barn has a high ceiling with metal beams and a green sign with the word 'MEADOW' is visible on the wall.

## Walk in comfort

DeLaval rubber coverage R18P

**Your solution – every day**

If you want your cows to move easily inside your barn or parlour, you need floors that provide secure footing and a comfortable surface.

### **Fit for your barn, collecting yard or any concrete area**

It isn't a mystery how to make your concrete floors more comfortable. With the interlocking puzzle mat from DeLaval it is easy to fit resilient rubber flooring onto any open concrete areas. You'll see the difference when your cows walk with long, confident steps. You'll find it easier to spot cows in heat too, when they move more comfortably.

### **Slot it together**

You can upgrade hard, rough concrete surfaces by installing DeLaval rubber coverage R18P. It is simple to install for rapid improvement in cow welfare and productivity. The surface offers a good grip, which improves safety and comfort. This encourages cow movement and the daily routines of walking to the feed fence, water trough and the milking parlour.



## Designed for cow comfort, safety and hygiene

### Good grip and good drainage

The surface of this durable rubber coverage offers a good, slip-resistant grip for hooves. The ribbed base creates a softer surface for walking comfort while letting liquids drain through. This good drainage, combined with cleaning by manure scrapers (adapted to the right height), improves hygiene and provides a dryer, cleaner surface for better hoof health with less lameness.

### Cow benefits

DeLaval rubber coverage R18P improves cow comfort for better:

- performance – milk yield and profitability. Secure footing encourages cows to walk more often to the feed fence and the water trough, for higher feed intake and improved feed utilisation.
- heat detection – with secure footing

on a slip-resistant surface, cows are more mobile, which makes it easier to detect oestrus.

- stability – reduces lameness. Secure footing encourages natural walking, for good hoof growth and development.
- welfare – better hygiene and less stress. Facilitates easy cleaning and better drainage, for drier floors and healthier hooves. More secure footing reduces the risk of injuries or cows slipping.

### Features

DeLaval rubber coverage R18P is a rubber floor mat for concrete areas. It is a puzzle mat which slots together in segments, and is fixed to the floor in an animal-friendly way. There are a number of assorted sizes which can cover any open space, such as waiting areas and parlours. When it is used on alleys cleared by manure scrapers DeLaval rubber coverage R18P is fitted to each side of the central scraper mechanism. The alley coverage for these half alleys can be in standard sizes from 1 to 2.4 metres wide, or made to fit a wider space if required. This rubber coverage, now known as DeLaval rubber coverage

R18P, has proven to be resilient and reliable in more than 15 years of market tests.

### Prompt delivery

This flexible solution is available for delivery with short lead times. When you decide to improve your concrete flooring for better cow comfort, you can make the change very quickly to gain the benefits as soon as possible.

### Technical details

DeLaval alley coverage R18P	
Material	Rubber
Thickness	18 mm
Weight	21 kg/m <sup>2</sup>
Hardness	Shore A 68
Upper side	Slip-resistant grip
Under side	4 mm grooves