

RECREATIONAL & ATHLETIC FLOORING CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS

Pawling Recycled Rubber Floor Mats

Punishment Pads, Protect-O-Pads

New Installations

Recycled rubber floors – by their nature – will frequently have a harmless “rubber” smell when initially installed. Increasing the rooms’ ventilation during this initial period – about 30 days – will go a long way toward reducing this odor.

In addition, a product such as **Prochem Fluorosil Odor Neutralizer – Citrus** (available through Professional Chemical Corp at 480-899-7000) may be added to the cleaning solution, and will effectively neutralize odors until they naturally dissipate. **Scented Pinesol** also works well in this regard.

Cleaning and Finishing Instructions

Initial Cleaning

Recommended on all new installations to remove manufacturing residues.

- Sweep or vacuum the surface to remove all dirt/dust/debris
- Mop floor with solution of warm water and mild cleaner such as **Scented Pinesol or Murphy’s Oil Soap**.
- Rinse floor thoroughly with clean water to make certain all cleaner residue is removed, and allow to dry.

Finishing Floor

Unfinished pads which are cleaned on a daily basis will provide a flat appearance, with none of the periodic maintenance associated with maintaining a wax finish. As a result, Pawling does not recommend application of a hard wax or acrylic finish.

If a light sheen is desired, however, a product such as **Taski WiWax** – mixed 2-4oz/gallon of warm water – provides a light polymer/wax film with minimal build-up.

Maintenance Schedule

Daily Cleaning

- Sweep the floor daily with a broom or vacuum thoroughly.
- Room entrance should be equipped with large mats specifically designed for maximum dirt trapping. Matting should be thoroughly vacuumed daily.
- Mop floor with solution of warm water and mild cleaner such as **Scented Pinesol or Murphy’s Oil Soap**, and rinse thoroughly with clean water to remove all cleaner residue.
- If local or building regulations specify an EPA registered, hospital grade disinfectant, a pH neutral detergent/disinfectant such as **Taski NDC** – mixed 2oz/gallon of cold water – may be used, which aids in the protection against bacteria, virus, fungus, and mildew.

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Heavy Duty Cleaning

Recommended on installations where a deeper cleaning is required to remove dirt/grease from heavily soiled pads.

- Vacuum room thoroughly.
- Mix **Taski Profi** oil and grease remover 10-13oz/gallon of warm water and apply to floor with a lint free loop mop.
- Allow to swell approximately 10-15 minutes to cut through grease, not allowing the surface to dry. Re-wet if necessary.
- Agitate solution on floor surface with a stiff bristled broom as necessary to loosen dirt/grease.
- Mop up solution, and rinse with cool, dry water.

Preventive Maintenance

- Do not use abrasive scrubbing pads on rubber flooring. These may scratch and abrade the flooring surface.
- Do not use petroleum based cleaners, solvents, or abrasives (including sweeping compounds containing oil)
- Any oil, grease, or solvent, which is accidentally spilled onto the mats should be wiped off immediately, and cleaned thoroughly with soap and water.