

# **RUBBER FLOORING MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS**

## How to Clean Rubber Floors

It is important to follow a proper and regular maintenance program to preserve the flooring. To support our customers' maintenance program recommends the use of Hillyard products.

### **GENERAL PRECAUTIONS**

- **DO NOT scrub, buff or mop the flooring for at least 72 hours after installation to allow the adhesive to properly cure.**
  - **DO NOT flood the flooring when cleaning and do not allow the cleaning solution or topical moisture to work its way beneath the flooring which can result in an adhesive and/or flooring failure.**
  - **The rubber gym flooring must be properly cleaned before it is released for normal use.**
  - **If the floor is brand new, it must be swept and vacuumed to remove dirt and other particulates.**
  - **DO NOT use highly alkaline or acidic cleaners.**
  - **DO NOT use sweeping or cleaning agents containing oils or solvents.**
  - **Always check for compatibility and performance prior to cleaning or applying floor finish by utilizing uninstalled material or test in an inconspicuous area before proceeding to determine if the desired results can be achieved without distorting or having an adverse effect on the flooring.**
  - **DO NOT heel the scrubbing machine.**
  - **Sealers can darken the floorings original color. When applying sealers always check for compatibility and bonding on a scrap piece of flooring to ensure the desired results and appearance is achieved.**
  - **Caution: Some germicides, disinfectants, cleaning agents, floor maintenance products, and pesticides may stain or damage the surface of the flooring; therefore, test the products to ensure they will not stain or damage the flooring. Spills of any type must be removed immediately to help prevent staining or permanent damage.**
  - **The use of floor sealers may reduce the slip resistant of the flooring. CWF Flooring, Inc. will not be held liable for finishes or sealers applied directly to flooring causing them to become slippery and/or reducing the floorings slip resistance! Caution: When wet, the flooring will become slippery; therefore, use the appropriate warning signs on the flooring to eliminate foot or other traffic.**
  - **Always test first to ensure the flooring is not affected and the desired results can be achieved prior to applying strippers of any kind.**
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## Step #1 – Post-Installation Initial Cleaning

- Thoroughly sweep or dry vacuum the flooring to remove all loose dirt and grit (after 72 hours).
- Prepare a cleaning solution of 3 ounces of **Hillyard Super Shine-All Cleaner** per gallon of water.
- Scrub the rubber flooring. Scrub the rubber flooring with the cleaning solution as follows: Small area installations: use a deck brush. Large area installations: use a 22 gauge flagged nylon bristle brush on a single disk scrubbing machine. Brushes ( for 20" floor machine) available from U.S. Rubber.
- Wet vacuum the cleaning solution.
- Rinse with clean cold water, and then remove all water using a wet vacuum.
- Allow the flooring to dry thoroughly. (Approximately one hour, depending on temperature and humidity). Use oscillating fans to decrease drying times.

## Step #2 – Finishing

- Use Hillyard Seal 341. Available from U.S. Rubber.
- Using a finish mop or microfiber flat mop, apply four (4) thin coats of finish allowing a minimum of 30 minutes dry time or until thoroughly dry between coats.
- Provide sufficient cure time of final coat before allowing foot traffic. (Minimum 2 hours)
- Note: Exposed skate blades will cause the finish to whiten due to the shearing action of the sharp edges of the blades. It is highly recommended that blade guards be used to minimize this effect.

## Step #3 - Routine Maintenance

- Sweep or dry vacuum the floor frequently, at least daily, when area is in use.
- Damp mop or autoscrub using **Hillyard Super Shine-All Cleaner** diluted 1 ounce per gallon. Equip an autoscrubber with a 22 gauge nylon brush.



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### Step #4: Recoating the Finish

- Follow the steps outlined in Step#1 – Post Installation Cleaning.
- Apply two coats of **Hillyard Seal 341**.

### Stripping the Finish:

- Stripping of the finish is discouraged because of the potential for damage to the floor. Follow a good routine maintenance cleaning program of sweeping or vacuuming frequently and damp cleaning the floor. Regular scrub and recoating is preferable to stripping.
- Contact U.S. Rubber for special instructions if stripping is inevitable.

### **SPECIAL MAINTENANCE CAUTIONS**

- Removing Gum: Apply ice on the affected area; carefully remove the frozen gum with a non-metal spatula. Mineral spirits can be used to remove any remaining residue. Hand buff the spot with a soft towel.
- Do not use steel wool, strong solvents (Lestoil, Top Job, etc. and similar products), gasoline, turpentine, and acetone.
- Do not use mechanical polishers that exceed 350 RPM.



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