



Care & Maintenance

MP Sport™

Periodic cleaning and maintenance are necessary for a long life and continual beauty of rubber floors. A three-part cycle is recommended for maintaining your MP Sport floor:

1. **Thorough cleaning**
2. **Waxing**
3. **Regular care of waxing and cleaning**

For large gymnasiums, a scrubbing machine that has wash and dry capabilities is recommended, such as those manufactured by Clarke, Tornado-Karcher or Tenant.

Thorough Cleaning

An initial, thorough cleaning is necessary before subsequent cleaning treatments of waxing and maintaining. Thorough cleaning should be done with detergents and wax-removing products to remove dirt and old wax. The floor will be returned to its original state, ready to be waxed.

Procedure:

Sweep and dust the floor.

Using hot water, dilute the *MP Clean by Aacer Flooring* following the instructions on the label. Spread the solution on the floor and let it sit for about 5 minutes. Scrub with a brush by hand or use a floor-washing machine with medium-hard abrasive attachment for smooth floors and a hard nylon brush attachment for floors with texture. Remove the solution from the floor using a rubber squeegee or a vacuum machine for liquids. Rinse thoroughly several times to neutralize the alkalinity left by the detergent. Remove the rinse water. Let the clean floor dry completely. It is now ready to be waxed.

Waxing

Waxing is the second step in caring for rubber floors. It helps protect the floor from wear and tear, keeps dust and dirt from penetrating and makes the floor more attractive. We recommend self-polishing, metallic wax (polyacrylic emulsions) because they have a high resistance to abrasion, are not slippery and require minimal care. Only perfectly clean floors should be waxed. There should be no oily or damp spots.

Procedure: Spread a thin, even layer of undiluted wax using clean and slightly damp rags or mops or appropriate machines. Let dry for about one hour; then, apply another coat of wax in a perpendicular direction. Add a third coat if necessary. Once the floor has dried completely, it is ready for use.

Maintenance

Periodical maintenance is necessary to return the dirty floor to its original conditions of clean and shiny. Quality care means less frequent intervention with savings in costs (for cleaning and re-waxing). Simple washing is the best method for maintenance and the frequency will depend on the amount of wear and tear and how aesthetically perfect it is expected to be.

Procedure:

Dilute the *MP Clean by Aacer Flooring* according to the instructions on the label. Spread the solution over the floor. Scrub the floor by hand or machine (soft brush attachment or soft grain abrasive attachment) for smooth floors and vacuum machines for liquids for floors with texture. Let floor dry completely.

In addition to the steps outlined above, the following practices will assist in preventative maintenance and help prolong the life of the floor:

1. Keep the surface of the MP Sport System clean. Dust mop daily and remove surface dirt and grit.
2. Players should wear shoes with non-marking soles.
3. No spiked shoes are allowed.
4. Protect all metal table and chair legs. Do not drag sharp metal objects across the floor.
5. Call your local Aacer representative for repairs or resurfacing or specific questions on daily floor care.
6. Aacer recommends walk off mats at heavy street traffic entryways to catch major contaminants.