

BEKA RUBBER TILES & ROLLS CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL

Cleaning your rubber flooring is imperative to avoid odors and concentration of dirt. If not regularly cleaned, rubber flooring can lose some of the properties besides the aesthetic result and even get permanent damaged. The frequency will depend on how often the space is used, and the manner in which it is used.

Recycled rubber flooring made of moulded rubber granules may from time-to-time release a small quantity of rubber granules. These can be found either on the floor surface or close to the floor's borders. Such granules are considered as a normal wearing of the recycled rubber flooring, and they can be removed just by vacuuming.

Keep in mind that rubber flooring is one of the disposable materials for a Gym, especially for heavy traffic ones. It will get worn down over time. A gradual wearing of the original matte color is considered totally normal with this type of flooring. When the flooring contains EPDM particles on the surface, colour fading will naturally occur.

A dustmop or a microfiber mop are enough to keep your flooring in good shape. Minimize use of detergents and avoid heavy pooling of water, particularly between the seams.

⚠ Despite the fact that rubber flooring is quite strong, it cannot be considered a hard surface. On the contrary, it is among the soft surfaces. Therefore, **DO NOT USE any scrubbing machines or similar mechanical methods**. Before using a mechanical cleaning machine, contact us or the authorized distributor to confirm the suitability of this machine since our warranty doesn't cover such damages.

Either it is rubber rolls or rubber tiles, for an optimal cleaning and maintenance, it is very important to observe the following recommendations.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

Keeping dirt and foreign materials as far as possible off the surface is very important. For this matter, we recommend you to put "dirt stops" in front of the doors, as well as "shoe cleaning & changing zones" in the entrance areas.

⚠ Before you undertake any cleaning of your rubber flooring, it's very important to remove any particles that have been deposited as they can spoil the finish of your rubber flooring. Dust and debris can become abrasive if picked up and dragged across the surface by someone's shoe, a mop or a cleaning machine. Specks of dirt and small debris may seem harmless, but they can be quite abrasive, and will cause damage if not removed. It is not difficult to get rid of this loose debris, as it can easily be swept or vacuumed up in minutes, but it's important to do this before you start cleaning with water.

⚠ BEKA RUBBER products have slightly porous upper surface. Therefore, it is a surface where liquids can stay on if not dried away conveniently.

CLEANING PROCEDURE

Cleaning periodicity depends clearly on the use. It is not the same a Commercial gym or a personal gym. A commercial place must be cleaned daily.

Clean water is enough to keep rubber flooring looking good. Avoid any cleaning detergents or chemical products that are highly acidic or alkaline as they degrade the surface of the rubber.

Never use any product that contains turpentine, or another stripper or degreaser, as they will have a similar, undesirable effect. Do not use products based on petrol, solvents or chlorine.

Before using a cleaning agent, please contact us or our distributors. Damages occurred due to a wrong cleaning method or cleaning agent are not covered by our warranty terms.

CLEANING METHOD

Right after installation, the room must be ventilated to remove specific odors from rubber flooring and adhesive. A regular airing of the room is recommended.

1. Clean all surface residues and dirt by vacuuming with a suitable vacuum cleaner without a beater brush to avoid scratching the rubber floor. Do not use any hard brushed suction sets. A very soft bristle is imperative if a vacuum cleaner is used.
2. Mop the area using clean water (water temperature between 15-20°C). Do not use hot water over 30°C.
3. Using a sufficiently wrung cotton string mop, tampon pad or microfiber mop to clean the surface. Avoid using much water.
4. Rinse with clean water again using a wrung mop and make sure you wipe the surface well. Flooding the ground will allow water to stay longer on the surface resulting in undesired odors. Using clean water is very important.
5. Let it dry (3-4 hours) before performing on it.

Do not use hard brushes, nylon / polyamide brushes, high-pressure washer sprayers, vacuum cleaners including water pressure systems or machinery with hard bristles that can be abrasive for the surface of the rubber flooring.

Extra tips:

- * Move area rugs and furniture for even colour change and longer use.
- * Minimize use of detergent and if necessary, always choose cleaning liquid products with a neutral PH. A wrongly chosen liquid detergent can ruin the surface of your recycled rubber flooring.
- * If a suitable cleaning detergent is used for a deeper cleaning, rinse several times to remove all detergent residue that can affect the surface.
- * Water temperatures above 35°C can permanently damage recycled rubber flooring.
- * Be mindful of objects you place on or near your recycled rubber flooring.
- * Please note that the use of chalk may have non-removable stains as a result due to a chemical reaction between the chalk and the rubber.