



Recreational & Athletic Flooring Cleaning and Maintenance Instructions



Your complete guide to
cleaning & maintaining:

- ◆ Flip-It
- ◆ Hid-N-Lok
- ◆ Hid-N-Lok II
- ◆ Aerobic Tile
- ◆ Pro-Lok
- ◆ Dec-O-Lok

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Pawling Rubber Floor Tiles

Flip-It™, Hid-N-Lok™, Hid-N-LokII™, Aerobic Tiles™, Pro-Lok™, Dec-O-Lok™

Cleaning/Maintenance Products

Taski Products provide the industry standard for users of rubber flooring. Their unique chemical formulations combined with simple application techniques result in a superior cleaning system for your Pawling Interlok™ tiles.

TASKI PROFI *A highly effective non-ionic oil and grease remover for resilient rubber flooring. The neutral pH and bio-degradability make it an ideal product for rapid emulsification of oil and grease.*

TASKI WTWAX *A unique blend of detergents, waxes, and polymers formulated to clean and maintain rubber flooring, and provide a light polymer and wax film for additional protection.*

TASKI NDC *Concentrated pH neutral detergent/disinfectant cleaner formulated to provide one-step, no-rinse cleaning for both auto scrubbing and mop and bucket applications. Provides exceptional cleaning performance: EPA registered, hospital grade disinfectant provides protection against bacteria/virus/fungus/mildew.*

Rubber Flooring – The Basics

Pawling's Interlok™ floor tiles are manufactured using premium virgin SBR Rubber. By understanding your rubber floor and following an established maintenance program, you will receive years of trouble free protection from your Interlok floor.

Equipment

Choosing the right equipment for the right size job is important. Large auto scrubbers may be useful for wide-open areas, such as large aerobic studios. Rotary machines or deck brushes may be most suitable to easily maneuver around fitness equipment in strength and cardio areas.

Preventive Maintenance

To keep your floor in top condition, it is important to recognize what types of products can do damage to your floor:

ACIDS – bathroom cleaners, bleach, fruit juice, vinegar, and alcoholic drinks.

ALKALIS – butyl cleaners and high pH strippers

PETRO CHEMICALS – cleaners containing oil, grease, solvents, or abrasives (including sweeping compounds containing oil)

DIRT/SAND – tracked in soil accounts for over 90% of the maintenance costs of your flooring. Use of large, oversized mats at your door entrance will greatly reduce the amount of damage to your floor finish.

Pawling recommends a minimum 6'6" x 12' commercial duty dirt trapping mat - such as Pawling's MAXI-TUFT LONG WEAR (Model EM-701) - located at door entrances, where possible. Pawling recommends mats be purchased in pairs to allow mats to be "switched off" in inclement weather.

Oxidation

As your rubber floor ages, it will oxidize and become harder and denser. This natural process creates a surface that becomes easier to keep clean and scuff-free. During the initial 6 to 12 months, the rubber surface will more readily scuff and attract soil, unless treated as outlined in our maintenance program.

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Cleaning and Finishing Instructions

Initial Cleaning/Stripping

Recommended on all new installations to remove surface waxiness from rubber tiles. Also recommended on installations where a deeper cleaning is required to remove dirt from heavily soiled tiles. Pawling recommends that initial cleaning and finish application be performed by a floor-cleaning professional.

- Sweep or vacuum the surface to remove all dirt/dust/debris
- Mix **Taski Profi** cleaner 10-13 oz. with a gallon of warm water and apply to floor with lint free loop mop
- Allow to dwell approximately 10-15 minutes to cut through manufacturing residues (mold releases, paraffin, etc.), not allowing the surface to dry. Re-wet if necessary
- Wet scrub with soft nylon scrub brush with 300 rpm floor scrubbing machine
- Vacuum up slurry solution with heavy duty wet/dry vac or auto scrubber before surface dries
- Rinse floor thoroughly with clean water and allow to dry

Finishing Floor

Unfinished tiles that are cleaned on a daily basis will provide a flat appearance, with none of the periodic maintenance associated with maintaining a wax finish. They will, however, require greater daily maintenance for dirt, soil, and dust removal, especially during your floor's first year. Pawling strongly recommends that ice arenas and hockey rinks - as well as areas where cleats will be worn - use no finish on the tiles. Note that no finish will resist cracking in free weight areas.

*Additionally, two models - Pawling's **FL-150 Flip-It-Hammered Surface**, and our **HL-175 Dec-O-Lok** - do not require application of an initial finish, and may be maintained by following the daily and weekly maintenance program shown on page 3.*

For A Low Gloss Finish

- Fully saturate clean loop mop with non-diluted **Taski Wiwax**
- Apply thin coat of **Taski Wiwax** and allow finish to fully dry (avoid aggressive fan forced "flash drying")
- Repeat to maximum of four coats, or until desired level of sheen is achieved
- It is critical that **Taski Wiwax** be applied in thin coats and is allowed to fully dry between coats or hazing may occur. It is not recommended that **Taski Wiwax** be buffed on Pawling's tiles or finish marking may occur.

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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.
- Mix 2 oz. **Taski NDC** with a gallon of cold water. Damp mop floor with mop or auto scrubber
- Allow to remain wet approximately 10 minutes for disinfecting viral microorganisms, and to maximize mold and mildew control.
- No rinsing required. Simply allow to air dry.

Weekly Cleaning

- Vacuum room thoroughly.
- Scrape up gum or similar substances using a plastic or wooden scrapper. Avoid metal scrapers as they can scratch surfaces. A dampened green scrub pad will enable you to rub off heel marks.
- Mix 2-4 oz. **Taski Wiwax** with gallon of warm water. Damp mop floor with mop or auto scrubber.

Note: *Taski Wiwax may also be used as a daily cleaner on both finished and unfinished rubber floor tiles. If desired, substituting Taski Wiwax in place of Taski NDC for the daily maintenance of your flooring will provide additional sheen. In those cases, we recommend that Taski NDC be substituted for Taski Wiwax once a week, to prevent build up and to disinfect floor.*

New Installations

New rubber floors will frequently have a harmless "rubber" smell when initially installed. Increasing the room's ventilation during this initial period - about 30 days - is typically the only remedy required. If this is not possible, a product such as **Prochem Fluorosil Odor Neutralizer-Citrus** may be added to the cleaning solution, and will effectively neutralize any odors until they naturally dissipate.

For **Taski™** Products, contact your local **Pawling Interlok™** Dealer, or call Pawling at (800) 431-3456 or (845) 373-9300
For your local **Prochem** Distributor, contact **Professional Chemical Corp** @ (480) 899-7000



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