

TARAFLEX MAINTENANCE

“Taraflex Sports Flooring”

A. Initial (First) Cleaning

- a. Sweep or vacuum, with heavy-duty commercial vacuum, entire floor surface to remove all loose dirt, dust and other foreign materials.
- b. Scrub the entire area with an automatic scrubbing machine (150-350 rpm), equipped with a red scouring pad or with soft nylon bristle brushes. Apply a cleaning solution pH 9-13 such as Ecolab Mariko (pH 13) and lukewarm water, or BURO NET (see par. "H"). Let heavily applied cleaner soak 10 to 15 minutes (longer if needed). Do not vacuum.
- c. Scrub the entire floor a second time.
- d. Begin where first started and while applying more cleaner at a slower rate, begin vacuuming.
- e. Rinse entire area with lukewarm water and vacuum.
- f. Check area, some stubborn marks may have remained on the floor. Remove these marks by using a cloth dampened with mineral spirits, carb-sol and rinse with clean water and dry.

Note: It is very important that all cleaning residue is removed by rinsing.

Do not scrub floor with hard polyester or hard nylon pads, steel wool, wire brushes, or abrasive flooring cleaners. These types of materials can cause severe scratching and damage the floor surface, and cause undue wear to game line paint.

Do not apply any type of floor sealer, floor finishes or waxes of any type. Also do not sweep or dust mop floor with oil treated mops or brooms.

B. Daily Maintenance

- a) Wet floor with clean water.
- b) Buff entire floor using a **white** pad to remove the current shoe marks. Some may remain, however, this procedure will remove approximately 90 to 95 % of the marks.
- c) Dust mop entire floor with Hillyard Hil-Mist.
- d) Spot clean the heavy marked spots, if needed, (see paragraph G).

Note: If gymnasium is not heavily used, dust mopping will normally be sufficient.

“Quick Clean” is a daily cleaning system that combines the ease and speed of dust mopping with the benefits of wet mopping. Quick Clean can be reviewed and purchased at: www.cleanoffzone.com

Maintenance of a Taraflex Sports Flooring is a **daily** procedure.

It can be helpful to put walk-off mats at all entries and exits to help remove abrasive dirt and grit from the shoes of people traffic. Rubber mats should not be placed on the top of Taraflex Sport Flooring.

C. Weekly Maintenance

C1. Maximum Weekly Maintenance

- a) Buff the floor as instructed in Daily Maintenance.
- b) Clean and scrub entire floor area with Mariko (pH 13) or Citrus Solv (pH 10.3) from Ecolab Huntington or NSS Concentrate cleaner (pH 13) from National Sanitary Supply or Hillyard's Shine-All (9 pH to 10 pH), or equal.
- c) Rinse entire floor.

C2. Minimum weekly Maintenance

- a) Clean and scrub entire floor with recommended neutral cleaner or equal.

D. MONTHLY MAINTENANCE

- a) Follow same procedures as instructed in initial cleaning and/or first cleaning.

E. EQUIPMENT, TOOLS, CLEANING CHEMICALS NEED TO CLEAN FLOORS

- ❑ Automatic scrubber equipped with soft nylon brushes or red and white pads. Refer to Daily, Weekly, and Monthly maintenance recommendations.
- ❑ Carb-Sol, Mineral Spirits (denatured).
- ❑ Clean dust mops (not oil treated)
- ❑ Cold and lukewarm water.

F. APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED CLEANING PRODUCTS

Please find hereunder list of products to use with automatic scrubbing machines equipped with soft nylon bristle brush or white scouring pad for the cleaning of the TARA FLEX indoor floors.

F1. STRONG CLEANERS (pH 9 - pH13):

- ❑ **MARIKO (pH 13) made by ECOLAB Huntington**
- ❑ **CITRUSOLV (pH 10.3) made by ECOLAB Huntington**

Customer service USA: 1-800 332 6522

Customer service Canada: 1-800 465 5227

Technical Hot line USA: 1-800 451 7191

- ❑ **NSS Concentrate Cleaner (pH 13) made by National Sanitary Supply**
- ❑ Customer Service USA: 1-800-428-9677.
- ❑ **HILLYARD Shine-ALL (pH 9)**
Hillyard Floor Treatments Customer Service located at Saint Joseph, Missouri 64502
Tel: 1-800-365-1555

F2. MILD CLEANERS (pH 7):

- ❑ **JOHNSON SC Stride Citrus**
- ❑ **JOHNSON Shop 600**
SC Johnson Professional - St Racine, Wisconsin 53403
Customer service Tel: 1-414-631-2000
Technical Hotline: 1-800-558-2332 Customer Service Canada: 1-519-756-7900.

HILLYARD Clean Scrub

Hillyard Floor Treatments located at Saint Joseph, Missouri 64502
Customer Service Tel: 1-800-365-1555

TASKI PROFI

JohnsonDiversey (Taski)
Customer Service Tel: 1-800-862-3600

G. RUBBER HEEL MARKS AND SCUFFING

Rubber heel marks and scuff marks can be easily removed with a clean white rag dampened with *Carb-chlor*, *Carb-sol* or equal non-flammable cleaning solvent.

Normal scrubbing procedures will often remove minor scuffs and rubber burns.

Usually *Carb-chlor* is required to remove excessive or heavy scuffs and rubber burns.

To help remove the black sole scuffmarks, manually spray some pure cleaning solution on the floor before starting the scrubbing operation.

Also can use Butcher's "SPEEDBALL" Cleaner (1-800-225-9475)

H. APPROVED HEEL MARKS REMOVERS TO BE USED IN AUTOMATIC SCRUBBER

Follow same procedures as instructed in initial cleaning and/or first cleaning.

This cleaning procedure is identical to the monthly maintenance program and could replace the monthly maintenance if floor conditions require this application.

BURO NET (pH 12.5) made by SANI-MARC (Mix 1 to 2 cups per gallon of water.)

Local Distributor

Warthan Associates, Inc.
Customer Service: 1-800-458-6321

42 Rue de l'Artisan
Victoriaville, Québec Canada
Customer Service: 1-819-758-5800
Fax: 1-819-758-5800

I. MISCELLANEOUS

- a) Remember maintenance is a daily procedure; daily maintenance will extend the useful life of the flooring and protect the Manufacturer's warranty.
- b) Your Taraflex floor has been specially treated with the exclusive ProtecSol®, maintenance surface. It is therefore important that you do not apply any types of floor sealers, floor finishes or waxes of any type.
- c) Taraflex Sport Surfacing is very resistant to staining and chemicals. However dirt and spills should be removed as promptly as possible. Certain materials can cause serious damage such as organic solvents (acetone, finger nail polish remover); tar, rubber pads, rubber wheels. Wheels on equipment should be plastic or composition and should not be metal.

J. IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING AUTO-SCRUBBERS

Gerflor recommends the use of variable pressure "floating" scrub deck auto scrubbers. Generally, a pressure setting between 100-200 lbs is sufficient to clean the material.