



## Cleaning & Maintenance Guideline

### Floor Protection

ecoGarde Fitness Tiles should be covered with plywood to protect from construction debris. Damage may occur from construction activities.

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#### Black Tiles:

##### Post Installation Cleaning

- Clean tiles thoroughly with a high CFM vacuum to remove dust, dirt or debris left from installation.
- The tiles are coated with a water-based release agent, a result of the manufacturing process. This will initially cause a slight slipperiness.
- For fast removal, damp mop with a solution of a neutral PH cleaner diluted in hot water. (See label for dilution ratios.)
  - Use a two-bucket system and change clean water frequently.
  - Using a commercial microfiber mop, clean the floor using the neutral PH cleaner, use the clean water to rinse away cleaning product.
  - Do not use any oil base cleaners as they will deteriorate the tiles.
- If a more aggressive cleaning is needed to remove the release agent, use a high PH water-based cleaner such as Stoner A538.
  - The high PH will help emulsify the release agent, while detergents keep it in suspension allowing it to be rinsed away.
  - Apply undiluted Stoner A538 with a microfiber mop and let stand for 15 minutes.
  - The cleaned area should be rinsed using a light weight auto-scrubber with a soft nylon cylindrical brush, and warm, clean water.
  - An RPM of 185 and brush pressure of 35-80lbs are recommended.
  - The water must be extracted after this step to remove any remaining moisture.
    - A wet vac is recommended to extract the moisture.

##### Daily Cleaning

- Regular dry vacuuming is recommended with occasional damp mopping using a solution of warm water and a neutral PH cleaner. (See label for dilution ratios.)
- Use a two-bucket system with a commercial microfiber mop.
  - Do not use a string mop
- Clean the floor using the neutral PH cleaner, use the clean water to rinse away the cleaning product.
  - Be sure to change clean water frequently.
- While cleaning equipment/furnishings with a disinfectant or other strong cleaner, be careful that overspray or excess cleaner does not drip onto the rubber tiles.
  - Strong chemicals may cause the surface to deteriorate.

- Products containing solvents and acids will attack the composite structure of the tiles.
  - ecoGarde does not assume any responsibility for damages caused by chemical additives.
- One step machines are not appropriate. Only use equipment that extracts dirty water as it cleans.

### **Deep Cleaning**

- In areas of high traffic, a more aggressive cleaning may occasionally be required because of a build up of dirt.
- A steam vacuum is ideal for deep cleaning.
  - If required a neutral PH cleaner can be used with this equipment.
  - Do not flood floor.
- It is important to use equipment that removes all liquids during the process.
- If necessary, tiles may be removed and cleaned thoroughly.
  - Be sure that tiles are completely dry and free of foreign material before reinstalling.

### **Speckled Tiles:**

#### **Post Installation Cleaning**

- Clean tiles thoroughly with a high CFM vacuum to remove dust, dirt or debris left from installation.
- Scrub floor with a neutral PH cleaner, using a buffer or auto scrubber with a soft nylon brush or pad.
  - Avoid flooding the floor.
- Pick up solution with a wet vacuum. Rinse with clean water, picking up the rinse water and allowing to dry thoroughly.

#### **Daily Cleaning**

- Remove surface soil, debris, sand, and grit by sweeping dust mopping or vacuuming.
- Damp mop with a microfiber mop or auto-scrub with a neutral PH cleaner
  - See label to follow dilution ratio of cleaner.
- Rinse with clean water to remove residue.

#### **Deep Cleaning**

- Remove surface soil, debris, sand, and grit by sweeping dust mopping or vacuuming.
- Scrub floor with a neutral PH cleaner using a low-speed scrubber or auto scrubber.
- Pick up solution with a wet vacuum, rinse with clean water, and allow to dry thoroughly.

For additional information, please contact your ecoGarde representative. For additional technical assistance, contact ecoGarde.