

Auto Scrubbers for Routine Cleaning and Maintenance of Gym Floors

Schools and athletic facilities are using auto scrubbers for their everyday hard surface floor cleaning needs, including their wood gym floor. If you choose and auto scrubber for routine cleaning, please keep in mind the following points:

- If the wood floor is brand new or less than 1 year old, follow the flooring manufacturer's recommendations for cleaning the floor. Be advised that the use of an auto scrubber on the floor for routine cleaning may jeopardize the floor warranty.
- Always use a clean soft dedicated cleaning pad, preferably white or a burnishing pad. Never use a pad that has been used on other floors in the facility.
- Thoroughly rinse out the solution tank to remove any unwanted harsh cleaning chemicals.
- Auto scrubbers should never be used until **30 days** after the annual maintenance recoat has been applied. Otherwise, you may run the risk of scratching the coating before it fully cures.
- Try to keep excessive moisture out of the joints of the floor boards. During the winter months, the floor boards shrink and the gaps between them tend to widen. Therefore, always use a good working squeegee. It is possible that excessive amounts of moisture under pressure may result in **board crowning or cupping**.
- The finish may be susceptible to the micro scratches, which can cause a dull appearance to the film if a dirty or overly aggressive pad is used.
- Never use excessive downward pad pressure.

Remember, the objective is to maintain a high level of appearance over the course of a year with preventative maintenance, dust mopping, spot mopping, and damp mopping. Preventative maintenance begins with a good matting program that catches dirt, grit, and dust at the entrances of the gym.

Routine cleaning:

In the auto scrubber solution tank, mix 1 part of **Basic Coatings® Squeaky™ Cleaner** to 5 parts of water.

Deep cleaning:

In the auto scrubber solution tank, mix 1 part of **Basic Coatings IFT™ (Intensive Floor Treatment)** to 5 parts of water.

Before competitive play:

Tack the floors with **Basic Coatings Squeaky Cleaner**, which will quickly remove dirt and body oils without leaving a residue. Simply mix up a gallon of **Squeaky Cleaner**, soak the cleaning pads, wring them out, and tack the playing surface. Change pads frequently and do not re-deposit soil into cleaning solution.