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# TARKETT SPORTS COMMITMENT TO CLEANLINESS

Traditional sports flooring requires a lot of upkeep between the collection of dust, general foot traffic, and from human contact that is expected in any athletic facility. We often turn to strong chemicals and special treatments in an effort to 'deep' clean, but it is important to know what is truly best for your athletic surface.

Tarkett Sports Resilient Floors are naturally benign. Additional treatments or additives are not necessary and peer reviewed studies have shown the addition of such antibacterial components may cause more harm than good.

"According to the [...] FDA, there isn't enough science to show that [...] antibacterial soaps are better at preventing illness than washing with plain soap and water. To date, the benefits of using antibacterial [...] soap haven't been proven."\*

Manufacturers should be cautious over selling products with additives or treatments that claim to offer "safer" materials because of these additional treatments. What can be missed also is the contact time required in order to be effective.

Tarkett Sports maintenance regimens for all resilient flooring options are time tested and work very well when followed. However, in light of the current climate, it may be necessary to expand upon the normal routines in order to provide even more hygienic precautions including:

- ▶ The use of disinfectants and disinfectant cleaners for all surfaces where human contact occurs and the frequency of application during the course of the day.
- ▶ Daily regimens may be required to increase to multiple times throughout the day depending upon the traffic in and out of a given space.
- ▶ Floors, walls, doors, appliances, or other areas involving direct contact may require close monitoring and the implementation of an effective disinfecting process to reduce potential spread of infectious diseases.
- ▶ With cleaners and disinfectants, it is very important to review and understand the requirements of each product used.
- ▶ These products will tend to include information regarding "dwell" time. This is the amount of time required for the maximum effectiveness of the each type.
- ▶ Some can be effective in as little as 30 seconds. Some may require as long as 10 minutes.

The CDC recommends EPA approved disinfectants and disinfectant cleaners. The link below is for a list of approved chemicals with a broad spectrum of use for infection control.

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

\*<https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/antibacterial-soap-you-can-skip-it-use-plain-soap-and-water>

# ENJOY YOUR FLOOR FOR YEARS TO COME

There is quite a long list of products listed within the EPA's link for approved chemicals. Diversey is a world leader in the cleaning and disinfecting industry for both commercial and residential applications. Diversey provides products for a wide array of purposes including critical care areas in hospitals, schools, and even within our own homes.

DIVERSEY HAS PROVIDED A SHORT LIST OF EPA APPROVED CHEMICALS SPECIFIC TO FLOORCOVERING:

<p><b>Virex® II 256:</b> One-Step Disinfectant Cleaner and Deodorant</p> 	<p><b>Alpha-HP®:</b> Multi-Surface Disinfectant Cleaner</p> 	<p><b>Oxivir Five® 16 Concentrate:</b> One Disinfectant Cleaner</p> 	<p><b>Enviro Care®</b> Disinfectant</p> 
<p><b>Envy®:</b> Liquid Disinfectant Cleaner</p> 	<p><b>Crew®:</b> Restroom Floor &amp; Surface SC Non-Acid Disinfectant Cleaner</p> 	<p><b>Morning Mist®:</b> Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner</p> 	<p><i>Consult with your local cleaning supplier for cleaners and equipment. Tarkett Sports does not assume liability for damage caused by improper cleaning methods or the use of chemicals.</i></p>

# PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT

## BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES



### ENTRANCE MATS

About 80% of surface soiling is brought from outside. And 90% of that soiling can be avoided by an effective and correctly dimensioned entrance mat.



### DRY MOPPING/SWEEPING

Dry mopping or sweeping removes dust and dirt. Use yarn mops, micro-fiber mops, or soft bristled brooms, and avoid treated dust mops.



### AUTO-SCRUBBING

Auto-Scrubbing is more effective and efficient for large areas. Use a diluted neutral cleaner and rinse thoroughly to avoid heavy residue build up.



### WET MOPPING

Removes soil and other contaminants. Use a diluted neutral cleaner and rinse thoroughly to avoid heavy buildup of residues.

# DIRECTIONS

- 1** Dust mop, sweep or vacuum all abrasive debris from your floor
- 2** For deep cleaning, dilute your EPA approved disinfectant to 1-gallon cool water for deep cleaning in a pump sprayer
- 3** Apply cleaning solution to your floor using your pump sprayer and allow the solution to stand for 5 minutes. Apply cleaning solution in manageable sized areas so that it does not dry
- 4** Use a 1.5 HP (175 RPM) rotary floor machine with a red stripping pad to agitate the solution. For a deep cleaning use a black stripping pad
- 5** Use a wet-vac with squeegee head to pick up the stripper solution
- 6** Rinse with clean water using a mop and allow to dry



**1.5 HP (175 RPM)  
ROTARY FLOOR MACHINE  
WITH RED OR BLACK STRIPPING PAD**



**WET-VAC WITH  
SQUEEGEE ACCESSORY**  
Used to pick up stripper solution



# RECYCLING FROM START TO FINISH

Environmental responsibility in fitness flooring is about understanding a product's complete life cycle – where it came from and where it will end up. That is why recycling is such a key concern. Dropzone Speckle is one of those unique floors that begins and ends its life with recycling. It incorporates from 70% to 90% total recycled content depending on color, most of which is post-consumer material such as old automobile tires.

Droptile and Dropzone Comfort contain, on average, approximately 62% of post-consumer recycled content. Most importantly, Tarkett's Dropzone flooring can be recycled at the end of its life, diverting waste from landfills and creating new material for the manufacture of other products. (Post-Consumer recycled content will vary depending upon the construction of the product).



## HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Dropzone embodies four categories of Tarkett's sustainability, providing not only superior performance, but stewardship of the environment and care for individual health.



## FLOORSCORE CERTIFIED

With FloorScore® certification for indoor air quality and low VOC emissions, Dropzone also helps create a healthier workout environment.

## LOW VOCs AND BETTER INDOOR AIR QUALITY

A healthy indoor environment begins with low levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

### ▶ VOC EMISSIONS LESS THAN 10 MICROGRAMS PER CUBIC METER\*

A lower VOC emission rate than most other resilient sports floors

\*VOCs after 28 days (ISO 16000)

### ▶ COMPLIES WITH CALIFORNIA SECTION 01350, THE MOST STRINGENT AIR QUALITY REGULATION IN THE U.S.



The **mindful MATERIALS** Library is a searchable database where users can find architectural building products that have various transparency and sustainability attributes. You can now find numerous Tarkett Sports' products in the **mindful MATERIALS** Library.