

Dance Floor Maintenance

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Walking on a dirty dance floor can cause harm to its surface quickly. Regular cleaning of your vinyl dance floor is essential to keep it in top condition. Here are some guidelines to follow when maintaining your vinyl dance floor:

● DAILY MAINTENANCE

Vacuum, sweep, or dry mop the floor, including any throw rugs, mats, or small carpets.

Keep the surface of the floor dry.

Clean up any spills immediately to prevent damage.

Clean the floors with a cloth broom after each tap dance class.

● WEEKLY CLEANING

Use a pH-neutral cleaner with water to clean the floor at least once a week.

Avoid using cleansers that contain ammonia or abrasives, as they can harm the vinyl dance floor.

Do not use an automatic floor scrubber.

For large vinyl dance floors, you may use an automatic scrubber/dryer with a red or blue pad at a low RPM, not exceeding 175 revolutions per minute.

Note: Please take extra care if you hold tap dance classes in your studio as tap shoes are often the main cause of damage to the vinyl dance floor. To prevent this, always check your tap shoes for loose screws before stepping on the floor.

We recommend implementing a check your shoe policy in your studio. This policy requires all students to check their shoes for loose screws and sharp toe plates before entering the studio. A small file and screwdriver should be provided and students should be taught how to check their shoes. If students are too young, the teacher should be responsible for checking their shoes.

By taking these precautions, you can keep your vinyl dance floor in top condition and protect your investment for years to come.

● HOW CAN I REMOVE SCUFF MARKS FROM THE FLOOR?

Scuff marks can be frustrating when they appear on dance floors, as they are caused by rubber or synthetic material from shoes becoming embedded in the floor. It is important to address scuff marks as soon as possible for optimal results, as leaving them for too long can make them more difficult to remove. Fortunately, with a little effort and the right tools, you can often eliminate them.

One effective method is to use a stiff brush to scrub away the scuff marks. Alternatively, you can try attaching a tennis ball to a pole and using it to pick up the marks. If you need a stronger solution, there are products available, such as Transferred Dye Remover, that can safely dissolve scuff and dye marks. Before applying any product to a larger area, it is essential to test it on a small section of the floor to ensure it won't cause any damage.

Please note that scuff marks are difficult to completely remove, and be prepared that some stubborn marks may not come off. However, these scuffs or marks are merely cosmetic issues and won't affect the characteristics or usability of the floor.

● **HOW CAN I REMOVE GLUE RESIDUE LEFT OVER FROM DOUBLE-SIDED TAPE?**

When dealing with stubborn glue residue left over from double-sided tape, you may need a stronger cleaning solution. One effective option is to use citrus cleaner, which has proven to be effective in many cases. However, it is crucial to test the cleaner on a small, inconspicuous area first to ensure it does not damage the surface.

To remove the residue, apply the citrus cleaner to a clean cloth and gently rub the affected area until the residue is lifted. After removing the residue, make sure to clean the area with soap and water to eliminate any remnants of the cleaner.

● **HOW SHOULD I STORE VINYL ROLLS WHEN THEY ARE NOT IN USE?**

Always store your vinyl rolls in an upright position to prevent the development of flat spots that can be difficult to repair.

Avoid transporting or storing floors on top of each other. If possible, store and transport floors vertically. In cases of short-term travel, stacking floors on top of each other is permissible, but they should be placed upright or unrolled as soon as possible. Prolonged stacking can lead to floor failure.

Do not transport floors directly on pallets, as the slats can cause indentations. It is advisable to use corrugated cradles or other protective packaging to ensure the safety of the floors during transportation.

Always store your floor at room temperature, preferably between 10-27 degrees Celsius. If the floor is exposed to cooler or hotter temperatures, allow it to acclimate to the temperature of the room where it will be installed, preferably overnight. If the temperature drops below 10 degrees Celsius, the floor may become brittle and prone to cracking or breaking if dropped, struck, or suddenly unrolled.

By following these storage practices, you can help preserve the quality and longevity of your vinyl rolls.

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