

### **Maintaining Gerflor Sports Flooring – Technical Bulletin**

- It is not possible for Gerflor to anticipate every condition that our sports floorings may be subjected to. With this in mind, it is important to protect your flooring from chemicals, objects, and equipment that may cut, gouge, scratch, crush, burn, permanently mark, or cause damage.
- Maintain a consistent cleaning schedule: DO NOT allow dirt and grime to build up on your Gerflor Sport Flooring. Postponing or ignoring regular maintenance will not only make cleaning much more difficult, but it may also affect the life of the floor.
- Place walk-off mats at door entrances to reduce dirt and grit from foot traffic. To be effective, mats must be vacuumed often and cleaned regularly.
- When Gerflor sports floors are used for multi-purpose activities which involve chairs, table, and other objects that apply point loads, it is advisable to remove these items as soon as possible afterwards to minimize the length of time the floor is subjected to the loads.
- When chairs or other objects are placed on the flooring for long periods of time, it is recommended to place a larger footing beneath the legs such as furniture protectors, a small piece of plywood, or similar to help disperse the point load and reduce the risk of permanent indentations.
- Point loads or rolling loads should never exceed 175 PSI and should be removed from the flooring as soon as possible.
- Check the legs of all tables and chairs before use to ensure the protective end caps are not missing or damaged.
- Whenever possible, limit black soled shoes as they may scuff floor and will increase maintenance time.
- Whenever possible, it is advisable to only wear designated gym shoes on the flooring. Grit and dirt brought in and embedded in outdoor shoes can cause surface scratches and premature wear to the flooring.
- Avoid the use of rubber components such as tires, wheels, and equipment feet as they can discolor or yellow any vinyl flooring.
- Do not use rubber backed mats or rugs as they can discolor or yellow any vinyl flooring.
- Do not use magic erasers or other abrasive scrubbing pads as they can damage or dull the surface.
- Always defer to the Gerflor Maintenance guide for appropriate cleaners, pads, and equipment to maintain your flooring safely.

- When using a battery powered automatic scrubber, maintain, and periodically check the battery pack as acid will permanently stain vinyl floors.
- Periodically check bleacher operation when extending and retracting to avoid damage from malfunctions such as incorrect tracking or missing wheels.
- Do not use solvents, such as toluene, xylene, MEK or gasoline for spot removal unless the chemical cleaner is approved for such use and guidelines are followed.
- If cars or vehicles such as scissor lifts with pneumatic tires (especially new tires) are to be stored on the flooring, place 2 layers of ½" plywood and protective pads under vehicle and wheels to avoid damage and/or staining.
- Do not drag volleyball poles, loaded tables or any sharp metal objects across floor.
- Gerflor does not recommend, nor advise, using temporary game line tape over your sport flooring. If the owner elects to use tape, it should be removed promptly and never be allowed to remain on the floor for an extended period.
- Never allow heeled/ stiletto shoes, spiked running shoes, baseball cleats, or other metal studded shoes on your sport flooring. They can cause punctures, scuffs, and other damage.
- Never allow shotput, javelin, hammer throw, or other equipment that may damage your floor to be used.
- Never drop free weights or allow them to rest on the flooring for extended periods of time.
- Baseballs may scuff or mark your flooring. Batting cages should employ a secondary cover to protect the flooring from damage.
- Roller skates, bicycles, tricycles, and other similar objects may scuff, mark, or tear your flooring.
- Hockey sticks, baseball bats, and other similar objects should not be allowed to strike or impact the flooring.
- When using or moving lifts, portable goals, and other heavy rolling loads, always protect the flooring with two layers of clean ½" plywood with the end seams offset to increase rigidity

For additional information, please contact Gerflor customer support at 1-877-437-3567.