



Antique Plank Cleaning / Maintenance

Temperature and Humidity Temperature should be kept between 55°F-75°F. Humidity level should be kept between 35%-50% to ensure minimal wood movement.

Routine Cleaning

Dry mop the floor daily to eliminate dust buildup. As needed, tack floor with PoloPlaz Hardwood Floor Cleaner to remove perspiration, oils, spills and residue from foot traffic. Do not use dust mop treatments or floor cleaners that contain wax, paraffin, silicone and mineral oil. Do not use pre-treated dust mops. Use of these products can cause adhesion problems when recoating the floor. Dirt, sand and grit will dull and accelerate the wear of the finish, so removing any sand or grit will extend the life of the floor. Place floor mats or rugs at all entryways, bathroom exits or other high traffic areas to remove excessive dirt or moisture. Spills or liquids on the floor should be wiped up immediately.

Power Scrubbers

Never use power scrubbers or automatic floor cleaning machines that disperse water on the floor (especially water under pressure). The use of scrubber machines will void the warranty on your floor.

Tie Tack

Use the following Tie Tack cleaning systems for periodic deep cleaning, tacking between coats, and to reduce spreading contaminants during screen and recoats. The mixing ratios indicate water to Tie Tack ratio, so 3:1 would imply three parts water to one part Tie Tack.

Periodic Cleaning, 3:1 – Mix solution in bucket and clean entire floor. If floor is heavily soiled, two cleanings may be required.

Tacking Between Coats, 3:1 – Do not increase the Tie Tack ratio. You must final tack with clean water only before top coating.

Clean Before Screening, 0:1 – Use Tie Tack at full strength before screening to reduce the risk of contaminants. Do not use it at full strength between coats.

Usage:

- In a bucket, mix the appropriate ratios of Tie Tack and water. Dip untreated cotton towels in solution and wring towels before placing flat on floor.
- Place push broom on towel one foot from leading edge and fold leading edge over the top of push broom. Push towel the entire length of floor. Before returning back down to the floor, lift and move push broom back on towel about six inches so that only a clean portion of the towel is on the leading edge, and fold the soiled portion of the towel on top or behind the broom bristles. Repeat the process until there is not a clean edge on the towel. At that point, turn the towel over and continue.

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- When a towel becomes dirty or dry, replace it with a new clean towel. Never dip a dirty towel in clean solution. Continue cleaning with fresh towels until entire floor is tacked. If floor still appears dirty, it may be necessary to tack the floor again with the Tie Tack solution.

Screen and Recoat

Clean the floor with undiluted PoloPlaz Tie Tack. Normal tacking with this solution on a towel is sufficient. However, any concentrated areas of contamination can also be buffed with solution and a white pad – but do not apply excessive liquid on the floor. This cleaning procedure reduces the risk of spreading contaminants throughout the floor during the screening process.

Screen the entire floor with a 120-grit screen, changing as necessary. A floor is properly screened when it is thoroughly deglossed. A maroon pad may be used after screening to reduce the presence of any swirl marks that might show up in the finish coats.

Vacuum the floor thoroughly and clean peripheral dust so it won't settle back on the wet finish. Using only water and clean towels, tack multiple times until the entire floor is clean (dark towels make it easier to see dirt that is collected from the floor). Allow the floor to dry completely after tacking, usually 30-45 minutes.

Turn off all airflow in the gym. If the HVAC cannot be turned off, block all intake ducts so airflow is reduced to an absolute minimum. Apply the first coat of Express or Dominator with an EZWay, lambs wool block or T-bar at 500 square feet per gallon. When using an EZWay, have a partner follow directly behind you with a lambs wool or T-bar to smooth out any harsh applicator lines.

Allow to dry for 4-6 hours. If within 24 hours, the second coat of finish may be applied without abrading the first coat. Please use your own discretion with this "24 hour rule," as high temperatures and low humidity will shrink that time window. If abrasion is needed within 24 hours, screen with used 150-grit screens. If longer than 24 hours, used 120-grit or new 150-grit screens may be needed.

When using Express or Dominator, plan on two coats. Stay off the floor for two days and resume play after 72 hours. Install walk-off mats at all entrances and exits. Do not allow street shoes on the floor. Clean daily with PoloPlaz Hardwood Floor Cleaner and weekly with Tie Tack. Do not use automatic floor scrubbers, as this will void the warranty on your floor.