

Floor Maintenance

Suggested Maintenance for Maple Gym Floors

Routine Maintenance

Floor Stains, gum and shoe marks

Floor stains can be avoided by wiping spillage from the surface immediately. Staining occurs when spills are absorbed into the finish. Gum can be removed by scraping it off with a plastic putty knife. Shoe marks should be removed with approved floor cleaner.

Daily

Daily sweeping with a properly treated dust mop will keep the floor surface free from dust, grit and abrasive particles. Keep all walk off mats clean.

Monthly

Remove foreign debris and clean entire floor with approved floor cleaner. Make sure HVAC filters are changed.

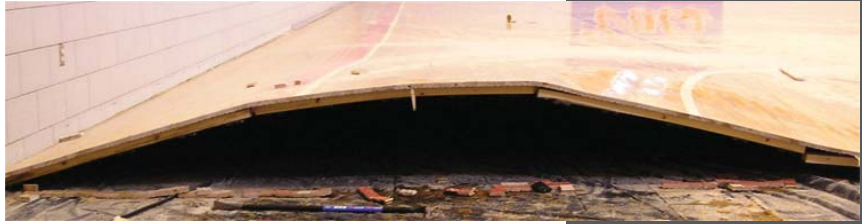
Annually

JELCO recommends that your maple floor should be refinished with a new coat of finish at least once a year. Floors should be sanded down to bare wood every 8-10 years.

General Care

Temperature, Humidity and Ventilation

Be sure that your HVAC system is operating to provide a temperature range of 55-80 degrees and 35-55% relative humidity. Ventilation equipment should be available for year-round use. Humidity and Ventilation are critical considerations for your new wood floor. 35-55% relative humidity is normally required for long trouble-free life. Summer months are especially critical. Inspect your wood floors regularly. If necessary, turn on the heating system. Maple flooring, being a solid wood product, is a hygroscopic material. It will expand and



contract as it absorbs and releases moisture. It will change dimensionally until it reaches equilibrium with the surrounding environment.

Excessive Tightening or Cracks Forming

When excessive tightening of the floor becomes noticeable, reduce the wood moisture content. Lowering relative humidity and providing airflow can assist this. When unusually wide cracks begin to appear, increase the relative humidity in the room. Expansion joints around the perimeter of your floor, at columns, or inserts, should never be blocked or obstructed.

Keep Water off the Floor Surface

Avoid exposure to water from tracking during periods of inclement weather by the use of walk off mats at all entrances. Windows and doors should be closed during rainy weather. All leaks must be corrected immediately. Machine scrubbing or power machines that induce water under pressure should not be used. This is a critical point since industry warranties exclude damage due to moisture.

Prevent Exposure to Moisture

Any evidence of dampness within your building should be called to the attention of your architects and engineers. Interior drains and down spouts should be properly insulated to prevent the development of excessive condensation moisture. Exterior drains and downspouts should be kept clear and flow away from the building. All exterior doors should have water-tight thresholds and covering, if possible.

Keep Tape off the floor

No tape of any kind should be placed on floor. If absolutely necessary, use vinyl court marking tape and remove within 24 hours of use.

Tips

- Dust Mop Daily
- Use Approved Cleaner Only
- NEVER Use Water
- Keep Temperature and Humidity Steady
- Address Leaks Immediately
- Keep Tape Off Floor

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