CARE GUIDE

# AXIS

**Applies to:** Axis Performance Sheet Vinyl

SPORT PRO SURFACING

Proper care protects Axis's appearance and performance over time. A complete care program covers four areas: preventative maintenance, routine maintenance, spot and spill removal, and periodic deep cleaning.

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## PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

- Protect the floor when moving heavy objects to prevent permanent scratches and tears — plywood or heavy cardboard laid down as a protective barrier works well.
- Use wide floor protectors under tables, chairs, stadium seating, and any other heavy furnishing to avoid permanent damage.
- Keep walk-off mats clean at all entrances to absorb soil and moisture — if not properly maintained, mats themselves become a source of soil and moisture rather than stopping it.
- Avoid direct, sustained sunlight exposure — it can cause fading and expansion of the vinyl. Use window coverings/protection where sunlight is a factor.
- Keep surface temperature between 55°F (13°C) and 100°F (38°C). Sunlight, bed bug heat treatments, steam mops, and similar heat sources can push the surface above this range; exposure outside the recommended range can cause the vinyl to expand.
- Never tape directly to the flooring surface — it can damage the surface. If protecting the floor during construction or renovation, adhere tape to the protective material itself (e.g., a heavy-duty construction paper/board product) and secure that to the base molding along the wall instead.
- Avoid mop-and-shine type products on this flooring.
- Choose pH-neutral cleaning products only. Some disinfectants — including those containing Quaternary Ammonium Salts — can stain, discolor, or otherwise harm the flooring over repeated use.
- If mats sit directly on the flooring, use mats without latex or rubber backing to avoid possible discoloration.

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## ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

A microfiber dust-mop-and-pad system is recommended for both dry and wet mopping.

1. Remove dust and soil regularly — this keeps the work environment clean and prevents particles from abrading the floor's surface. Do not use vacuums with rotating beater bars on this hard surface.
2. Dust mop before any wet cleaning, using a microfiber dust-mop head and pad (or a gym mop).
3. Daily wet cleaning is recommended to help maintain the floor's appearance. Use a pH-neutral hard-surface floor cleaner, mixed per that product's label instructions.
4. Lightly mist a 4′ x 4′ area at a time and wipe clean with a microfiber mop pad, working across the full floor in sections. Mist only — do not saturate.
5. Replace pads once they're soiled. Several pads will typically be needed to clean a full floor properly — a saturated pad stops picking up soil from the floor.
6. To clean heat-welded seams, spray the cleaner along the seam and gently agitate with a soft roamer brush to lift soil out of the seam.

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## SPOT AND SPILL REMOVAL

Axis is engineered to resist and minimize common staining, but prompt attention still matters.

1. Blot wet spills quickly with white paper or cloth towels. Rinse with water if needed, then blot dry.
2. For dried spots, gently agitate and rinse with water, then blot dry. Use a pH-neutral hard-surface cleaner for more difficult spots.
3. For oil or grease-type spots that water and a standard spot cleaner can't remove, use isopropyl (rubbing) alcohol with a clean white cloth.
4. Never use cleaning products containing bleach.

Some stain conditions may become permanent despite prompt treatment.

> **SAFETY NOTE**
> Floor surfaces can become slippery during wet cleaning — take appropriate safety precautions (wet floor signage, restricted access) while cleaning.

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## PERIODIC DEEP CLEANING

1. Always dry-mop the floor before deep cleaning.
2. For heavily soiled floors, an auto-scrubber fitted with white brushes is recommended. Use a neutral-pH cleaner in the mix tank or spray bottle, mist the floor, and scrub with the brushes — the scrubber should have an extractor to pick up the water and cleaner as it goes. Never dry-scrub the floor.
3. If an auto-scrubber isn't available, a low-rpm buffer (around 175 rpm) with a red or white pad and a neutral-pH cleaner works as an alternative. Never dry-buff the floor.
4. Rinse the floor with water after deep cleaning.
5. Air movers will help the floor dry quickly afterward.

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## SCRATCH MITIGATION

Surface abrasions (scuffs, scratches, gouges) can damage the wear layer. A few options can improve the appearance of an already-abraded surface:

- **Scuffs:** A broom handle with a tennis ball fitted on the end works well to remove shoe scuffs and black marks.
- **Gouges/tears:** Because this is a cushioned floor, gouges typically result in a tear. Contact an installer to cut out the affected area and patch it using attic stock saved from the original installation, aligning the plank pattern and heat-welding the patch into place.

To help prevent damage in the first place:

- Use walk-off matting at gym entrances to keep debris from contacting the floor.
- Always use proper protectors on furnishings that contact the floor, including when relocating furniture — proper protectors distribute weight and minimize or prevent scratches.
- Minimize rock salt/ice melt particle size, or use a liquid ice melt outside the gym instead, and maintain walk-off matting daily to catch what does track in.