CARE GUIDE

VULCANIZED VIRGIN RUBBER RESERVE

Applies to: Studio Reserve and Strength Reserve

SPORT PRO SURFACING

Vulcanized virgin rubber will gradually "break in" over its first several months of use — a natural process that makes the surface progressively easier to clean over time. During this early period, the surface attracts soil more easily, so staying on top of routine cleaning matters most in the first few months.

> **BEFORE FIRST CLEANING**
> If glued down, wait a minimum of 72 hours after installation before any cleaning — this ensures the adhesive has fully cured. Interlocking installations can be cleaned immediately after install.

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DAILY / DEBRIS REMOVAL

Vacuum or sweep daily to minimize dirt buildup. This should be done at minimum weekly, more often as needed.

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ROUTINE CLEANING (minimum once weekly)

1. Thoroughly vacuum or sweep the surface first.
2. Apply an approved floor cleaner (neutral pH, between 7 and 9) diluted with clean water, using a mop. Test the diluted solution on a small area first and adjust the mixing ratio if needed.
3. Let the solution stand for 5–10 minutes — don't let it dry on the surface.
4. While still wet, scrub with a rotary buffing machine (300 rpm max) fitted with a medium scrubbing pad.
5. Scrub in multiple directions, then remove wet residue with a wet/dry vacuum.
6. Damp-mop rinse thoroughly with clean fresh water — insufficient rinsing leaves soap residue, so repeat as needed.
7. Keep foot traffic off the floor until it's fully dry.

03

DEEP CLEANING (as required, approximately every 2–3 years)

1. Vacuum or sweep thoroughly first.
2. Use a water-based, glycol-ether degreaser suitable for rubber/resilient flooring, mixed to the manufacturer's suggested ratio (test on a small area first).
3. Apply with a mop, let stand 10–20 minutes without letting the surface dry out, then scrub with a rotary buffer fitted with a heavier-duty pad or nylon brush.
4. Remove wet residue with a wet/dry vacuum, then damp-mop rinse thoroughly.
5. Repeat as needed to remove all residue, and keep traffic off until dry.

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WAXES & COATINGS

- No applied finish is required or recommended. A regular cleaning routine is all this floor needs. An applied finish can actually alter the surface characteristics.

- Do not apply wax or surface coatings in skate-traffic or free-weight drop-zone areas — skate blades and dropped weights will quickly damage and degrade any coating, leading to visible marking.

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PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

- **Never use petroleum-based cleaners.** If any petroleum product is spilled on the floor, remove it immediately to prevent surface damage.
- Do not use coarse (brown or black) scrubbing pads, steel wool, abrasive brushes, acetone, gasoline, or turpentine.
- All cleaning chemicals must be solvent-free, phosphate-free, and phenol-free, with a neutral pH between 7 and 9. Never use anything below pH 2 or above pH 12.
- Don’t let water pool under equipment installed on the floor — trapped moisture can cause rust staining that permanently marks the surface.
- Distribute heavy equipment loads properly and protect legs/wheelbases with caps to avoid scratching, indenting, or gouging the surface. Use plywood or Masonite as a protective layer when moving heavy equipment across a finished floor.
- Keep utility vehicles off the finished surface where possible; sudden stops or spinning wheels can cause tire marks. Use plywood tracks under tires if a vehicle must cross the floor.
- Minimize food and beverages on the surface — certain foods and highly colored drinks can cause permanent staining if spilled and not addressed promptly.
- This flooring is designed to tolerate skates and spikes, but is not indestructible — expect maintenance and eventual replacement in heavy-use areas depending on how hard the surface is used.
- **UV-sensitive — for indoor use only.** Not suitable for exterior applications.