

TARKETT SPORTS COMMITMENT TO CLEANLINESS

Traditional sports flooring requires a lot of upkeep between the collection of dust, general foot traffic, and from human contact that is expected in any athletic facility. We often turn to strong chemicals and special treatments in an effort to 'deep' clean, but it is important to know what is truly best for your athletic surface.

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Tarkett Sports Resilient Floors are naturally benign. Additional treatments or additives are not necessary and peer reviewed studies have shown the addition of such antibacterial components may cause more harm than good.

"According to the [...] FDA, there isn't enough science to show that [...] antibacterial soaps are better at preventing illness than washing with plain soap and water. To date, the benefits of using antibacterial [...] soap haven't been proven."*

Manufacturers should be cautious over selling products with additives or treatments that claim to offer "safer" materials because of these additional treatments. What can be missed also is the contact time required in order to be effective.

Omnisports and surface treatments do not promote microbial growth. They do not create or sustain viruses or other micro-organisms on the surface. Generally, infectious contagions are removed through a normal typical cleaning program.

Tarkett Sports maintenance regimens for all resilient flooring options are time tested and work very well when followed. However, in light of the current climate, it may be necessary to expand upon the normal routines in order to provide even more hygienic precautions including:

- The use of disinfectants and disinfectant cleaners for all surfaces where human contact occurs and the frequency of application during the course of the day.
- Daily regimens may be required to increase to multiple times throughout the day depending upon the traffic in and out of a given space.
- ▶ Floors, walls, doors, appliances, or other areas involving direct contact may require close monitoring and the implementation of an effective disinfecting process to reduce potential spread of infectious diseases.
- ▶ With cleaners and disinfectants, it is very important to review and understand the requirements of each product used.
- ▶ These products will tend to include information regarding "dwell" time. This is the amount of time required for the maximum effectiveness of the each type.
- Some can be effective in as little as 30 seconds. Some may require as long as 10 minutes.

The CDC recommends EPA approved disinfectants and disinfectant cleaners. The link below is for a list of approved chemicals with a broad spectrum of use for infection control.

https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-ndisinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2

Tarkett Sports is broadcasting recommendations from the various federal agencies that are heavily involved and rely upon their expertise. We recommend everyone continues to monitor the referenced federal agency for updates.

*https://www.fda.gov/consumers/consumer-updates/antibacterial-soap-youcan-skip-it-use-plain-soap-and-water

ENJOY YOUR FLOOR FOR YEARS TO COME

There is quite a long list of products listed within the EPA's link for approved chemicals. Diversey is a world leader in the cleaning and disinfecting industry for both commercial and residential applications. Diversey provides products for a wide array of purposes including critical care areas in hospitals, schools, and even within our own homes.

Diversey has provided a short list of EPA approved chemicals specific to floorcovering:

Virex® II 256: One-Step Disinfectant Cleaner and Deodorant



Envy®: Liquid

Disinfectant Cleaner

Alpha-HP®: Multi-Surface Disinfectant Cleaner



Crew®: Restroom Floor



& Surface SC Non-Acid Disinfectant Cleaner



Morning Mist®:Neutral Disinfectant Cleaner



Oxivir Five® 16 Concentrate:

One Disinfectant Cleaner

Some products will state that they are "no rinse". Tarkett Sports recommends rinsing of all cleaners after final application with clean water. This will avoid the potential for buildup of detergents on the flooring's surface.

For more information, you can visit Diversey's website: diversey.com

PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT BY FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES



ENTRANCE MATS

About 80% of surface soiling is brought from outside. And 90% of that soiling can be avoided by an effective and correctly dimensioned entrance mat.



DRY MOPPING/SWEEPING

Dry mopping or sweeping removes dust and dirt. Use yarn mops, micro-fiber mops, or soft bristled brooms, and avoid treated dust mops.



WET MOPPING

Removes soil and other contaminants. Use a diluted neutral cleaner and rinse thoroughly to avoid heavy buildup of residues.



AUTO-SCRUBBING

Auto-Scrubbing is more effective and efficient for large areas. Use a diluted neutral cleaner and rinse thoroughly to avoid heavy residue build up.

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MATERIALS MATTER

Good materials matter because they are the foundation of a healthy and sustainable floor. Omnisports incorporates natural materials, contains no heavy metals, and is free of chemicals restricted by the REACH Program and California Proposition 65.



PROGRESS BEGINS WITH MANUFACTURING

Sustainable manufacturing is pivotal to solving our environmental challenges. The Omnisports production site is an ISO 14001 certified facility that is advancing resource conservation.

Behind every Omnisports floor is an unparalleled commitment to responsible manufacturing.



THE IMPACT OF INDOOR AIR QUALITY

On average, we spend 93% of our time indoors. For that reason, indoor air quality can have a dramatic impact on our well-being. Omnisports has one of the lowest volatile organic compound (VOC) emission rates of any resilient sports floor. It is the only athletic resilient floor to be certified asthma & allergy friendly™ by the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. It also incorporates Phthalate-Free Manufacturing and is FloorScore® certified.



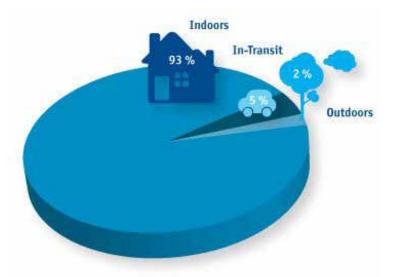
PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE STARTS NOW

Sustainable flooring means beginning with the end in mind.

Omnisports reduces landfill waste and virtually eliminates adhesive contamination, making it 100% recyclable.

HEALTHY INDOOR ENVIRONMENT

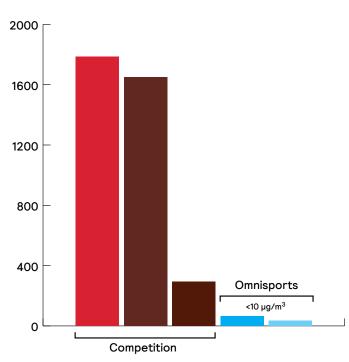
There are a lot of considerations in choosing a sports floor, but one factor that should not be overlooked is indoor air quality. Indoor sports facilities are places for athletic competition, but they are also places that promote health through physical activity. For that reason, creating a healthy indoor environment for players and facility users should be a key part of any sports flooring decision.



WHAT IS INDOOR AIR QUALITY?

Indoor air quality (IAQ) is the relative measure of harmful pollutants that can be found in the air of an indoor environment. These pollutants can include anything from secondhand smoke to mold spores. IAQ has two basic contributing factors: the volume of pollutants added by environmental factors and the degree of ventilation available. Flooring can affect IAQ through the type and amount of VOCs emitted into the air.

TVOC EMISSIONS*



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^{*}This graph is intended for illustration purposes only. However, the values depicted represent actual TVOC testing of competing products by the Tarkett internal laboratory.

AHEALTHY ATHLETE IS A BETTER ATHLETE

A HEALTHY SPORTS SURFACE IS A BETTER SPORTS SURFACE

Omnisports™ is manufactured to keep athletes on the floor and off the bench. Omnisports exemplifies Tarkett's approach to material content with products made from 40.2% to 43.5% natural materials depending on thickness.

- No Lead
- No Formaldehyde
- No Cadmium
- Exceeds Reach & California Prop 65
- No Mercury
- For Zero Restricted Substances

"We've also hosted the Harlem Wizards, which is a farm team of the Harlem Globetrotters and we had an event here where they played a faculty and parent team to open our new gym. Judging by the way they dunked the ball, the flooring system works magnificent. We've also been able to host our graduation in here. So in other words, we were able to insure that the flooring can provide sports, but also any other events that a school might want to use in a gymnasium..."

BRYAN NIXON

HEAD OF SCHOOL, WHITBY SCHOOL GREENWICH, CONNECTICUT



PHTHALATE-FREE MANUFACTURING

As part of Tarkett's initiative for sustainability and eco-innovation, Omnisports is one of the only phthalatefree resilient sports floors available in North America.

- ▶ IMPROVES THE INDOOR **ENVIRONMENT AND AIR QUALITY**
- ▶ SAME COMPONENTS USED IN FOOD **CONTAINERS AND CHILDREN'S TOYS**



ASTHMA & ALLERGY FRIENDLY

Omnisports is the first sports surface to be certified asthma & allergy friendly, providing a healthier sports flooring solution. When combined with Multi-Poxy Adhesive from Tarkett Sports, Omnisports 7.1 mm and 9.4 mm with popular GreenLay™ installation exceed all of the asthma & allergy friendly certification standards.

- LOW VOC EMISSIONS
- **LOW ALLERGEN RETENTION**



LOW VOCs AND BETTER INDOOR AIR QUALITY

A healthy indoor environment begins with low levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

VOC EMISSIONS LESS THAN 10 MICROGRAMS PER CUBIC METER*

A lower VOC emission rate than most other resilient sports floors

*VOCs after 28 days (ISO 16000)

COMPLIES WITH CALIFORNIA SECTION 01350, THE MOST STRINGENT AIR QUALITY **REGULATION IN THE U.S.**



The mindful MATERIALS Library is a searchable database where users can find architectural building products that have various transparency and sustainability attributes. You can now find numerous Tarkett Sports' products in the mindful MATERIALS Library.