

GUIDE TO MAINTAINING YOUR POOL TABLE



CARE OF THE CLOTH

Proper care of your cloth is essential for maintaining the look and play of your pool table. There are many elements that can be destructive and deteriorating to your cloth... chalk dust and lint are at the top of the list. Proper brushing will directly affect the playing quality. Brushing your table frequently is the key to a long lasting cloth. We suggest...

- Always brush your table in the same direction from the head of the table (name plate side) to the end.
- Be sure to brush under the cushion overhang.
- If a wool/nylon blend cloth was put on your table, you may experience small balls of fabric after the cloth is installed; this is called pilling. Brushing your table on a daily basis should stop pilling within the 1st month or until all the loose strands of fabric are removed.
- Avoid chalking your cue over the table.
- Be sure your cue tips are properly scuffed and shaped to avoid rough edges snagging the cloth.
- Use a breaking cloth and high quality pool ball to limit burn marks (more info on back page).
- Using a heavy cover helps to keep your table free from dust and offers protection against accidental damage and fading.
- Do not use any high powered vacuum on your cloth as it will stretch the cloth and pull grout from the seams.

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TRACKING

- When a cloth is new and recently installed, it may exhibit some initial strange behavior known as tracking. This is caused by the distortion of the cloth weave when the fabric is stretched on tightly.
- The symptoms are as the ball starts to slow roll it will zig zag from left to right. Eventually, the ball will stop and will seem to fall to the left or right. This is normal, and will go away after three or four weeks once the cloth relaxes and starts to break in.

CARE OF THE CABINET/RAILS

Much like any good piece of furniture, this particular part of your table requires a special kind of care. When cleaning the wood use a non-residue producing dusting agent such as lemon oil. Here are a few other tips on maintaining a lustrous look on your wood.

- Never use a glass cleaner on wood surfaces.
- Do not set ashtrays or drinks on the rails.
- To keep rail tops looking like new avoid dragging cues over the wood when playing.
- Limit leaning cues directly on the rails - we suggest a Q-claw, holding the cue or placing it in the rack when not in use.
- Be weary of belt buckles and metal clothing items pushing against the edge of the rail when playing.
- If spills occur be sure to wipe it quickly.
- Avoid sitting on the rails of the table to keep the cloth and cushion intact.

CARE OF THE ACCESSORIES

- For stubborn stains on pool balls, we have a non-abrasive cleaner available for sale- dry and polish with a clean soft cloth.
- Be sure to locate your cue rack away from doors, windows, and heat registers.
- Cues can be cleaned as needed with a damp rag and mild soap.
- Keep pool cue tips in good shape by maintaining with scuffing and shaping.
- Avoid leaning cue sticks against the table or walls. Cues should be stored upright in a wall or floor rack.

LIGHTING

Constant light exposure can be extremely dangerous over time. Sunlight will fade the cloth and also bleach the finish. When deciding on placement, it is a wise decision to keep your billiard table out of sun rooms, away from large windows, and no where near a fireplace; however, proper lighting of the playing area is essential. When hanging a light fixture, keep the following tips in mind..

- Light should be sufficient to eliminate shadows on playing surface.
- All lights should be hung about 6' from the ground
- We suggest using a 40 to 60 watt bulb

BE AWARE OF MOISTURE LEVELS

High or low humidity extremes can cause wood to warp and crack over time. A dry climate can suck the moisture out of the wood, leaving it riddled with cracks along the surface.

- Controlling the humidity with a humidifier or dehumidifier will help.
- Best possible climate for finer woods is between 40%-60%; when storing your table it is best to keep it in a climate controlled area.

MOVING YOUR TABLE

Never try to move your table even a few inches by yourself. A pool table weighs around a 1000 pound so even an inch can cause a table to become unlevel and unstable. To be moved properly, a table needs be completely disassembled and then reset. Trust only your authorized A.E. Schmidt Technician for professional help.

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LEVEL OF THE TABLE

The level on an A.E. Schmidt table is guaranteed for 60 days after install. Some tables may have a settling period after install which causes the table to go off level, this is normal. If this happens please give us a call.



BURN MARKS ON CLOTH

Notice white spots on your cloth? This is called burn marks. Burn marks are a normal occurrence on the cloth and happens when the spin of the cue ball creates friction and heat leaving small white marks on the cloth. The best way to limit this is by using a breaking cloth, limiting jump shots and investing in a set of high quality Belgium pool balls.