



Pool Table Maintenance Guide

Keep your pool table in a dry area – For the best table maintenance it is recommended that you keep the table in a dry room with temperature control. Tables will always last longer and play better if kept in an environment that you would feel comfortable playing in. Damp areas can have an adverse effect on wool cloth so if it is going into an area that has dampness plump for a napless speed cloth for best results

Provide enough space around your table to play shots - The tighter the space around your table the more likely it is to get scratched or knocked. A tight playing space may also result in awkward angled shots which could rip the cloth. You should have, as a minimum, from the edge of the cushion enough space for the longest cue you are using on the table.

Brush and clean your cloth/baize once a week – Perhaps the most important aspect of table care.

You should use a good quality pool table brush to maintain a good-looking longer lasting cloth. Removing as much chalk deposit by brushing properly will add months to the life of the cloth

The traditional wool cloth that is found on most UK pool tables should be brushed in one direction only. Always brush with the nap of wool and never against it. The cloth nap should always run from the end you break off from down the table. Brushing the cloth in the wrong direction can cause pilling which produces bobbles of cloth and can affect the playing conditions.

Purchasing a tin of cloth cleaner is strongly advised. This handy spray is superb at removing chalk dust, stains, and general marks from the cloth. Using the cleaner on a regular basis can add years to your table baize.

Speed cloth can be brushed in any direction as it does not have a directional nap.

A racking cloth can help reduce wear when you rack the balls in the triangle or diamond – Cloth maintenance is helped by using a piece of spare cloth under the

triangle when racking up the balls for each game. It prevents the abnormal wearing of the cloth in one area of the table and leaves chalk deposits on the spare cloth and not on the playing surface; also on speed cloth it can prevent unnecessary bruising of the cloth.

Using a dust cover on the table will increase the life of the cloth and maintain the quality of the table – Dust covers are available for most table sizes and are provided as standard if we install the table. A standard cover is designed to keep dust and spills off the table.

Using the correct colour chalk for your cloth – Cloth maintenance is improved when the same colour chalk as your cloth colour is used. This helps maintain the quality and aesthetics of the baize. Every shot taken leaves a certain amount of chalk dust in the cloth, and over time this can spoil the look of the felt, it will seem more worn and used than it actually is. We always try to supply the correct colour chalk where possible

Using a Cue Rest Stick - It is sometimes a good idea to have a cue rest stick for the table. This is especially recommended for larger size tables or where smaller children often play. A cue rest stops players from needing to put their full body weight on the table to play long shots, or stretching to play an awkward shot, which may risk tearing the cloth.

Make sure the cushions are on tightly - It is good to go around the cushions on your slate bed table every 6 months and check that all the cushion fastenings are tight. If the cushion fastenings start to get loose, then this can cause the cushions to lose some of their bounce. It is a straightforward job to remove the top frame and tighten any loose cushion bolts. Please feel free to give us a call if you would like any advice on how to do this.

You should re-mark and or re-spot your table periodically – Once a year it may be useful to re-mark your pool markings on the cloth. This can be done using a “D” marker and marking pen or pencil along with new table spots. This will maintain the look of the playing surface. These items are available from our online shop www.pooltablesonline.co.uk

Follow the above to enhance the playing experience on your table