

# POOL TABLE CARE AND MAINTENANCE

## Keeping it clean

When it comes to cleaning your table, a vacuum is actually preferable over using a conventional brush. A smaller hand vacuum on its lowest setting, will remove the excess dirt, ensuring that all unwanted material is not only out of sight, but entirely out of mind. However, a pool table brush can still be an extremely convenient and effective tool to have in your game room especially when crumbs, chalk and other forms of dirt hit the table during game time. **Ensure your brush has soft bristles for light brushing.** Always brush towards the pockets, or from one end to the other. Always brush in the direction of the nap, and avoid circular motions as that will cause the cloth fibres to bunch, an effect known as pilling.

**NB: If you brush and vacuum correctly, there is a very good chance you will get 3 years more life out of your cloth.**

It is extremely vital to the preservation of your pool cloth to keep your billiard balls clean. It is always a good idea to clean your game balls after each and every pool session, as they pick up large amounts of dust and chalk and effectively re-apply these corrosive substances to your cloth during game time. Never use bleach or ammonia.

## Caring for the wood

When it comes to maintaining the wooden aspect of your table, avoid any ammonia based products. as a basic rule of thumb try and steer clear of any chemicals. Do not let your table come into contact with direct heat of any kind (hot pots/pans etc). Being a natural product, it WILL burn. The same goes for wet glasses, which is a big no-no as these will be sure to leave their watermarks. Prolonged exposure to direct sunlight can discolour the wood and should also be avoided.

**Always Remember: When the table is not in use always keep it covered to avoid dust and other dirt particles settling on it.**

## Things to avoid

**Avoid** wearing excessive jewellery when playing, as these items can catch on the nap and potentially rip your cloth.

**Avoid** frequent chalking, and chalk your cues as far away from the table as possible, as this can cause dust build-up.

**Do not** place drinks on your pool table as moisture damage can occur.

**Small children and pets** ( especially cats ) should be as far away from the billiards table as possible as they can be very destructive.

**Try not** to drop the balls or other heavy items onto the table, this kind of action can cause the cloth to tear.

**Colour fading** will occur as the cloth ages due to ultra-violet light, therefore try and keep your exposure to light at a minimum - avoid placing your table in sunrooms or near large windows.

**Avoid** storing cues at an angle as they might bend over time - only store flat or upright.

**Lastly**, don't be afraid to break your table in. A billiards table needs to be played in order to keep it supple and responsive, allowing for a more controlled and satisfying game. Just as long as you remain a responsible owner and give your table the love and attention it deserves, you're guaranteed a gaming friendship that could last a lifetime... or even more.

*“You'll never regret caring for the things you have, after you've enjoyed them for a lifetime”*



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