



# Cleaning & Maintenance Guide

AquaTread® marine flooring is an easy to clean product, allowing more time to enjoy your boat and less time with maintenance. Made from ultra-durable polyvinyl with a non-porous surface, AquaTread has a long-life cycle, ready to handle the heaviest of traffic. The surface is resistant to gas, fish scents, suntan oil and other spills and scents common to watercraft. Dirt, soil, and debris don't penetrate the surface for easy clean up, avoiding harsh scrubbing. Routine cleaning is necessary and vinyl's are not stain-proof materials, so it is important to understand the steps to clean and maintain your AquaTread marine flooring.

It is important to immediately wipe away any spills, molds or mildews to prevent staining of material. Stains may be caused by, but not limited to the following items: Motor Oil; Gas; Hydraulic Fluid; Suntan Location (screen & oil); Red Colored Drinks (wine, soda, Kool-Aide, etc.); Fish Allure, Urine, Ketchup; Mustard; BBQ Sauce; Coffee; Anti-Freeze; Fuel Stabilizer; Battery Acid; Charcoal Lighter Fluid.

## ROUTINE CLEANING

It is important to perform regular maintenance on your floors, to help maintain their lasting durability. AquaTread products are stain resistant, but not stain proof. Never use harsh chemicals such as bleach, acetone, marine hull cleaner, or unsafe chemicals for marine environments. Spills should be cleaned up immediately to avoid staining. Weekly cleaning by spraying down your floors will help prevent any stains from becoming embedded and eliminate the need for future deep cleaning. Evaluate the area you are cleaning before you determine the steps and products needed to complete the job. AquaTread marine flooring is easily washed with mild soaps and other household detergents suitable for vinyl material, even power washing, leaving you more time to enjoy your boat.

1. Spray the surfaces down regularly to avoid build up.
2. Spills should be wiped or mopped immediately, with a damp mop or cloth.
3. Remove all debris, surface soils, salt and grit by sweeping or vacuuming the surface.
4. Brush or sweep with cool water using a deck brush or soft to medium stiff brush.
5. Apply soap or cleaner to penetrate the dirt/stain for 2-3 minutes.
6. Lightly scrub the area and rinse off the flooring.
7. Repeat on the affected area until completely clean.
8. Allow floors to dry before proceeding with traffic.

## HEAVY CLEANING FOR STAINS

Our floors surface is non-porous to prevent stains and scents. However, vinyl is not a stain proof material. Certain dyes, inks, rubber based material, chemicals and tannin based leaves may cause permanent staining.

1. Rinse the soiled area to remove debris, salt and grit.
2. Prepare your cleaning solution – we recommend diluting the chemical cleaner with clean, warm water.
3. Apply to the stain and let sit for 2-3 minutes.
4. Use soft bristle scrub brush if needed
5. Wipe away stain or excess with clean towel – recommend a soft microfiber towel.
6. Rinse to remove any soap residue
7. Allow to air dry



STEPS BEYOND THE ORDINARY

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## RECOMMENDED TOOLS AND CLEANERS

### Tools

- Microfiber cloth
- Deck brush
- Soft bristle scrub brush
- Broom and/or vacuum
- Powerwasher
- Soft toothbrush for hard to reach spots

### Cleaners

*Always follow the manufacturer instructions on proper use of the recommended cleaners*

- Mild soaps or household detergents suitable for vinyl
- Starbrite Vinyl Protector
- Starbrite Mildew Stain Remover
- 3M Mildew Stain Removers
- MAR Multi-Purpose Marine Cleaner
- MOTHERS Marine Vinyl & Rubber Care
- Menignar's Vinyl and Rubber Cleaner & protectant
- Bass Pro Shops Non-Skid Deck Cleaner with PTEF

### Cleaners NOT to use:

- Marine Hull Cleaner
- Undiluted Bleach
- Acetone

## HELPFUL HINTS

- Be mindful of your surrounding environment when washing and rinsing your floors. We do not advise using bleach or harsh chemicals if they may end up in the body of water.
- Always rinse thoroughly to completely remove any residue that could come from cleaning.
- Allow product to air dry.
- Mildew forming on foreign substances left on vinyl flooring is a leading cause of stains. Immediately use an approved mildew stain remover at the first signs of stains starting to form.

