

Eight Ball Table ‘Table Care’

We have put together this short guide which should help you keep your pool and snooker tables running like new for a long time to come.



HOME STYLE EIGHT BALL TABLE



PUB STYLE EIGHT BALL TABLE

Chalk - Too much is devastating

There may be nothing that looks cooler than the absent-minded way a pro chalks up between each shot, but the lingering dust is playing a deadly game with your table felt. The chalk is abrasive; it gets into the cloth and destroys it.

Brushing the table frequently - even after every session - is a good start, but realise that 50% of the chalk dust actually gets brushed into the cloth. Suction with a small vacuum is the only way to go. Otherwise, you could end up with a layer of dust thick under your felt. This would create the impression that the table was uneven. But too powerful a vacuum could lift and stretch your fabric. We suggest using a brush with soft bristles for daily use. Always brush in the direction of the Nap.

Clean Balls = Clean Table

Balls pick up dust and chalk and then reapply them to the table and cushions. It would be wise to clean your snooker balls after each session and the cue ball after each game. Also, be aware of the intense heat that is briefly generated by a ball after it is struck and is skidding along the felt.

Sitting on the Table

The no. 1 one thing people do with their pool table is sit on it. This will cause the rubber to fall off the cushions. They are typically glued to the cushion bodies and can only take so much weight before breaking off. Sitting on the table can also make the legs become loose and eventually cause the table to wobble.

Keep Pets at Bay

Urine is one of the most corrosive things on the planet. So, keep your pets away from your table. In addition, you might want to keep water away from the wood. A caution that includes keeping all drinks off the cushions. Hard woods are much less conductive to absorption, whereas soft woods expand and contract more easily. In the case of unavoidable spills, it might be wise to apply a fabric sealant like Scotch Guard to your felt for protection.

The Woodwork

Protect your finish. For a hard, lacquer finish - including polyester, urethane or catalysed varnish finishes - use lemon oil applied with a soft cloth. DO NOT a silicone-based consumer product such as Pledge, which can eat into the finish. For a painted finish use paste wax made with carnauba wax, which provides a thin coating to protect the wood and finish. For leather pockets apply saddle soap with a soft cloth, letting it dry for 15 or 20 minutes, and then brushing it with a shoe or billiard brush.