



Bowling Ball Maintenance Guide

Take Care of Your Equipment. Bowl Higher Scores.

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Why should you take care of your bowling balls?

Did you know your bowling ball is like a sponge? Each time it rolls towards the pins, your ball picks up the oil from the lane and begins to absorb it. As a result, if you leave the oil, dirt, and other substances from the lane on the cover of your bowling



ball, it will be absorbed into the ball and the performance of your ball will diminish. This is why maintaining your equipment and cleaning your bowling balls is crucial to bowling your best. According to studies conducted within the bowling industry, the coverstock of a bowling ball accounts for approximately 70% of the ball's motion on the lane. Maintaining that 70% is key to

having consistent ball reaction and bowling high scores.

Not only can cleaning and maintaining your bowling balls help you bowl better, but they can save you money too! Bowling balls can be expensive. By cleaning them regularly, you can extend the life of your bowling ball and prevent yourself from having to spend more money on a new one.

Bowling better and saving money? Sounds too good to be true. Well, fortunately, it's not. By utilizing the best cleaning tools to maintain your equipment, you can improve your overall experience on the lanes. And there is nothing better than that. So, we created this guide to help you understand when to take care of your equipment, what tools are out there to help you maintain your equipment, and how those tools work. Let's start by diving into when the best time is to take care of your bowling balls.

THE KEYS TO BOWLING YOUR BEST



When to Take Care of Your Equipment

There are three different points in time where it is important to focus on taking care of your equipment:

- 1) During Competition
- 2) Post Competition
- 3) Occasional maintenance

Once you maximize the tools available to maintain your equipment, not only will your bowling balls perform better and last longer, but your scores will instantly rise!

Let's start by diving into the available tools to take care of your equipment during competition.



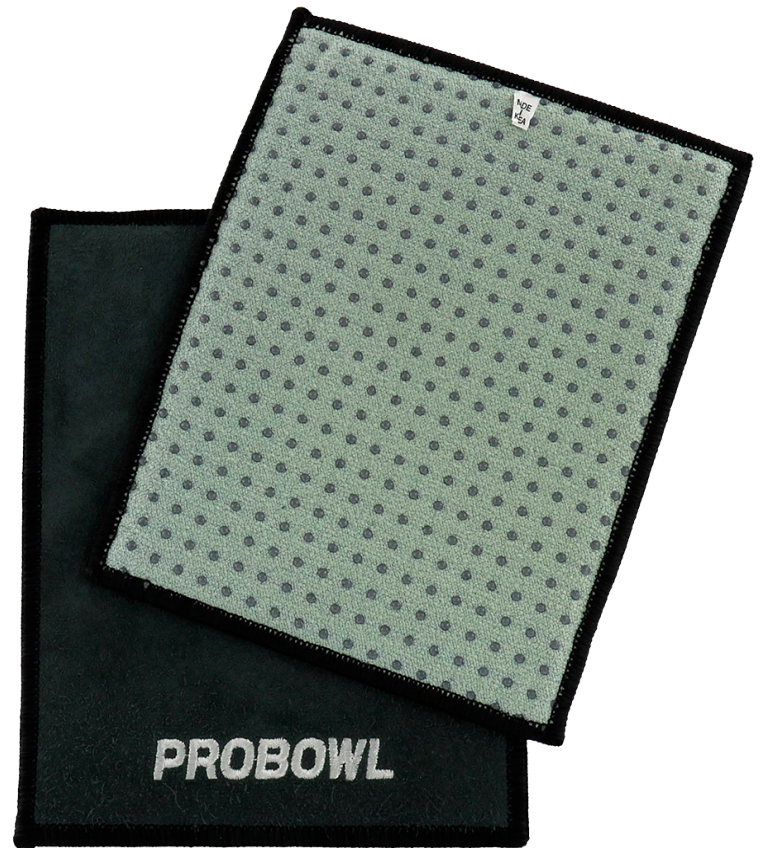
During Competition

How to Maintain Your Equipment During Competition

As mentioned in the intro to this guide, your bowling ball absorbs oil, dirt, and other substances with every ball you throw. So, it is extremely important you do what you can while your bowling to minimize the amount of those substances sitting on the cover of your ball.

One of the ways you can maintain your bowling ball during competition is by using something called a shammy. A shammy is a leather pad that is built to remove different types of substances from your bowling ball during competition. Simply pick up the ball, wipe it down with the shammy before each shot, and you should notice a difference instantly. The shammy will reduce the amount of oil and dirt on the ball, which will not only help maintain its performance but also give you a more consistent reaction. Just think, if the part of the bowling ball that is touching the lane (also known as the track) is covered in a different amount of oil each time it rolls down the lane, it will be very difficult to have a consistent reaction. As a result, shammys are a very effective tool to maintaining your bowling balls.

Another tool that is available to you to take care of your equipment during competition is a microfiber towel. Microfiber towels are similar to shammys in that they do a good job of ridding the cover of your bowling ball of oil and dirt. And you use a microfiber towel the same way you use a shammy. Just simply wipe your ball off before each shot and you're good to go. While the shammy may do a better job of removing the oil and dirt from your ball, the microfiber towels are a great, less expensive option for anyone who is looking to do a better job of taking care of their



equipment. Now that we've gone over the tools you can use to maintain your equipment during competition, let's talk about some post-competition maintenance.

Post-Competition

How to Maintain your Equipment Post-Competition

So, you've started using a shammy or microfiber towel to take care of your equipment during competition. All good now right? Well, not quite. Even though the shammy/ microfiber towel does a great job of keeping your bowling balls clean, it's important to do a deeper clean of the coverstock with a bowling ball cleaner.

There are a lot of different ball cleaners on the market, and they can be somewhat confusing at times. The KR Strikeforce line of ball cleaners is clearly labeled and colored differently, making it easy to differentiate between the ball cleaners we offer and what they do.



How to Choose the Right Ball Cleaner for You

Each of the ball cleaners we offer are specifically designed for enhancing your bowling ball performance and maintaining your bowling ball in a different way. Here is a list of the ball cleaners we offer and what they're designed to do:

- 1) **Remove All (Blue)**- This ball cleaner is designed to remove oil and dirt from the ball's surface. This is ideal for maintain the ball motion you currently have.
- 2) **Pure Energy (Bright Yellow/Green)**- Along with removing the oil and dirt from the ball's surface, Pure Energy is designed to revive the tackiness to the

surface of the ball. This cleaner has a fast drying formula for easy cleaning.

- 3) **Xtreme Wash (Green)**- This cleaner contains emulsifiers to accelerate oil removal from the ball for a deep clean. This will result in more backend motion and is perfect for all high-performance bowling balls.
- 4) **Clean & Hook (Orange)**- This cleaner has a slower drying gel formula that works great on dull bowling balls. This will remove the oil and dirt from the ball's cover and restore the natural surface to the bowling ball.
- 5) **Pure Urethane (Clear)**- Pure Urethane is the #1 ball cleaner for urethane bowling balls, removing dirt and oil from the cover while maintaining the unique urethane ball motion.
- 6) **Tacky Ballz (Brown)**- Tacky Ballz is our cinnamon-scented ball cleaner that removes the oil from your ball and restores the tackiness to the cover.

Along with these six cleaners, we also offer three different polishes that are great for shinier balls:

- 1) **Pure Traction**- This compound polish is a great option for sanded bowling balls that have a smooth motion.
- 2) **Pure Shine**- This polish is the perfect option for restoring the factory finish to your ball and increasing backend motion.
- 3) **Pure Skid**- Pure Skid increases length and is best for balls with higher grits such as 3,000 and 4,000. Especially good for when you encounter dryer lane conditions that are hooking too much.

Occasional Maintenance

Now that you know how to take care of your equipment during and after competition, it is important to know the occasional maintenance needed to maintain your equipment and get the most performance possible out of your balls.

The most important form of occasional maintenance for your bowling balls is resurfacing. A resurfacing is great for a balls, dull or shiny. By resurfacing your ball, you get the deepest clean possible by taking it down to a very dull grit and working it back up to the original factory finish of the ball. This should be done by your local pro shop operator and should be done a few times each bowling season (depending on how often you bowl).

Another great form of occasional maintenance is “baking” your bowling ball. This is done by machines specifically designed for bowling balls that can be found in your local pro shop. This machine will heat your bowling ball up to extract any absorbed oil and dirt out of the bowling ball. **REMINDER: DO NOT DO THIS AT HOME. DOING THIS AT HOME MAY RESULT IN DAMAGING YOUR BOWLING BALL PERMANENTLY.**



Conclusion

Maintaining your equipment is an extremely important component of bowling your best. Without good, consistent ball motion, high scores are difficult to achieve. If you are interested in maintaining your equipment, feel free to check out our website links below to see what we offer.

Good luck on the lanes!

Links to our Products

Bowling Ball Cleaners

<https://www.bowlingshopeurope.eu/en/bowlers-accessories/ball-maintenance/cleaners/>

Bowling Ball Polishes

<https://www.bowlingshopeurope.eu/en/bowlers-accessories/ball-maintenance/surface-products/>

Shammys and Towels

<https://www.bowlingshopeurope.eu/en/bowlers-accessories/ball-maintenance/towels/>

Sanding Pads and More

<https://www.bowlingshopeurope.eu/en/search/sanding+pads/>

