

Foam Boat Flooring Maintenance & Care Guide

Your EVA foam boat flooring is built to last, but proper care will keep it looking great and performing well for many seasons. Follow these simple steps to maximize its life.

Installation Tips

Clean First: Before applying EVA foam, ensure surfaces are completely clean and dry. Remove dirt, salt, wax, or grease.

Smooth Application: Use a marine-grade adhesive or the pre-applied 3M backing to secure the foam. Press firmly to prevent bubbles or wrinkles.

Curing Time: Allow the adhesive to cure fully before heavy use or water exposure.

Routine Cleaning

Mild Soap and Water: Wash the foam regularly with warm water and a mild boat soap. Rinse thoroughly to prevent buildup.

Soft Brushes Only: Use a soft bristle brush or cloth to scrub. Avoid stiff brushes or abrasive pads.

Rinse After Use: After saltwater trips, always rinse with fresh water to prevent salt crystals from damaging the foam.

Quick Spot Cleaning: Wipe up spills, fish blood, sunscreen, or oils as soon as possible.

Stain Prevention & Removal

Avoid Harsh Chemicals: Do not use bleach, acetone, or strong solvents. They can damage the foam and adhesive.

Tough Stains: For stubborn marks, use a gentle all-purpose cleaner that is safe for EVA foam. Test on a small area first.

Sun Protection: EVA foam is UV-resistant but prolonged sun exposure can fade color. When not in use, cover your boat or flooring.

Regular Inspection

Check for Wear: Inspect edges and high-traffic areas regularly for lifting or peeling.

Early Repairs: If edges begin to lift, re-secure with a marine adhesive before water can get underneath.

Replace When Needed: Over time, heavy-use sections may need replacing. Modular installation makes this easy.

Usage Tips for Longevity

No Sharp Objects: Avoid dragging anchors, knives, or sharp tools across the foam.

Shoes: EVA foam is barefoot-friendly. If wearing shoes, stick to soft-soled deck shoes.

Cool Down Surfaces: The foam stays cooler than gelcoat, but in hot climates, rinse with water to reduce heat.

Furniture & Heavy Gear: Place pads under chairs, coolers, or heavy equipment to avoid dents.

Seasonal Care

Off-Season Storage: If storing your boat, cover flooring to keep out dust and sunlight.

Winterization: In freezing climates, ensure foam is clean and dry before storage to prevent cracking.

Spring Check: At the start of each season, inspect for adhesion, wear, and overall condition.

Your foam flooring is designed to make boating safer, more comfortable, and more stylish. With just a little care, it will perform beautifully for years to come.