



FLOORCARE:

Maximizing your scrubber's life and performance

Scrubbers play a vital role in keeping facilities clean and maintained. These machines are the workhorses of the cleaning industry, used on a daily basis to make cleaning operations more effective, more efficient, and more productive.

Scrubbers can be a large upfront investment. But with proper care and maintenance, they will deliver a significant return on that investment for years to come.

Manufacturers' service and maintenance programs

Most reputable cleaning equipment manufacturers and distributors offer [service and maintenance programs](#) for the equipment they sell. These programs may include preventative maintenance visits, extended warranty coverage, replacement parts, and even loaner machines.

Like the scrubbers themselves, manufacturers' service and maintenance programs can seem expensive at first glance. But over the long term, these programs reduce the total cost of ownership by keeping the machines operating at peak performance.

Routine preventative maintenance

In addition to manufacturer and distributor maintenance programs, there are routine preventative maintenance tasks that you should perform on a regular basis. These best practices can extend the life of a scrubber by up to four years. Be sure to review the operator's manual that came with the machine to understand the daily, weekly, monthly and annual service requirements. Below you'll find general recommendations, but each machine has different requirements.

Daily maintenance and service

- Drain and clean the dirty water recovery tank, inspect and clean the debris catch cage, and clean the ball float system.
- Remove and inspect the squeegee and blades.
- Remove and inspect the brushes/pads, and then rinse them and allow to dry.
- Keep the recovery tank lid open to let it air dry. This will prevent odor-causing bacteria.
- Charge the batteries.
- Clean the exterior.

Weekly maintenance and service

- Check the water level in the batteries and add water as required.
- Check for squeegee wear and adjust as required to get even coverage on the floor.

Annual maintenance and service

- Authorized service center personnel should check the carbon brushes on the drive motor, scrub motors, and vacuum motor for wear and replacement.

Additional maintenance and service considerations

- Invest in keeping the scrubber in optimum condition.
- Fix small defects immediately to prevent them from turning into costly repairs and causing long downtimes.
- Keep up-to-date maintenance records to increase the value of the machine, in case you want to sell it down the road.

Maintenance is essential to protecting your investment in a scrubber. These simple tasks will help ensure your equipment is fully functional every day.

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