



Athletic Shoe Marks

Tennis shoes will leave scuff marks on newly surfaced courts. Many shoes with dark colored soles will leave prominent marks on the surface. It's recommended that shoes designed specifically for tennis be used only.

Sneaker marks occur because some or all of the coats of court surfacing contain sand, which is used to determine the pace of play, the effect of spin and other playing characteristics. As the player runs, stops and pivots, the aggregate abrades the sole of the shoe, leaving a scuff of rubber material on the court. Like a new piece of sandpaper, the court will be far more abrasive in the beginning, and will become worn and less abrasive with use.

Sneaker marks may be impossible to remove. A soft brush and a mild cold water detergent solution may be effective. (Be certain to rinse well.) If gentle scrubbing doesn't work, it is unlikely that stronger cleaning solutions or more vigorous scrubbing will be successful either, and they may damage the surface. Do not try stronger cleaners or more vigorous scrubbing without consulting your contractor or the manufacturer of the surfacing material used on your court.

Sneaker marks are unavoidable, do not affect play, and owners should not be concerned by them. They will become not only less frequent, but less noticeable with time.

Differences in site, weather and soil conditions require variations in construction and repair methods and materials. Readers are advised to consult a qualified contractor or design professional before undertaking construction or repair of a court. Rev. 2023