

Cleaning Treadwall® Holds

The most important maintenance for Treadwalls is keeping the holds clean.

Treadwall holds get a lot of use and should be cleaned on a regular basis. When the holds are dirty, they are unpleasant to climb on and unattractive in appearance. Keeping the holds clean will help maintain interest and promote overall usage.

Is the traffic on your Treadwall slowly decreasing?

Are the holds turning a strange gray-brown color and developing a slimy texture?

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Actual before and after photos

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If so, then you need to CLEAN YOUR HOLDS!!

Consider cleaning holds one group at a time - choose the dirtiest group on the Treadwall, for example 9 shapes. Cleaning a few at a time is a reasonable project, and if you do it once every couple of weeks the holds will always be grippy attractive. Use a 5/16" Allen wrench to take off the holds.

Two different approaches to cleaning holds.

Simple, “Quick Fix”

For all but the most extreme cases, the following method works remarkably well. This is how we cleaned the holds in the picture.

- Remove the holds that are to be cleaned.
- Just put them in a dishwasher with regular dishwashing detergent. After one cycle rotate and move the holds around to clean the other sides and run it again.
- If there are residual areas of grime, scrub them with a small brush.
- Replace the holds on your Treadwall.

Intensive, “New Look”

For holds that have gone over to the dark side - strange swamp-thing shades of gray-brown, then consider this method. No matter how desperate the situation, your holds will regain their gritty texture and bright color!

- Remove the holds to be cleaned.
- Place the holds in a bucket of Simple Green® or similar cleaner and water mixture (see side panel of cleaner for proportions).
- Let the holds sit for about an hour.
- Run the holds through the dishwasher once using regular dishwashing fluid.
- Finally, brush the holds with a small brush.
- Replace your fresh as new holds on your Treadwall.

Long term care

Treadwalls are very dependable machines and keeping the holds clean is one of the few maintenance tasks. An excellent investment is are extra holds. Every month you can quickly switch out a dirty set and clean them at your leisure. This will also change the routes on the wall keeping it fresh and interesting.