The most important step in maintaining all types of track surface is a commitment to a regular[‡] professional track clean carried out by a specialist track cleaning contractor. Between cleans every attempt should be made to keep the track surface clean and free of grass clippings, dirt, gravel, and other debris. [‡] UKA recommend a professional track clean at least every 3 years.



Textured track surfaces hold moisture, and in some locations, moss can be an issue if it is allowed to thrive.

Regular treatment with an approved moss inhibitor is recommended on a quarterly basis if the location of your track makes it susceptible to moss growth.

Areas of the track surrounded by trees require frequent cleaning to prevent fallen leaves and twigs from rotting onto the surface. If this material is not removed it will blacken the track and the rotting leaves will encourage the growth of other plants. These areas will start then start hold pools of water, which will create a slip hazard for users and, in time, will begin to disintegrate the track surface leading to potentially costly repair work.

An issue with debris particularly relevant to non-porous tracks is the accumulation of detritus in slot drains causing blockages that prevent a track from draining effectively – ultimately leading to standing water and the growth of unwanted plant life.

A Professional track "deep clean" every 3 years and sweeping and spot cleaning on a regular basis will eliminate many of the causes of long-term track degradation and dramatically reduce the need to spend large sums of money on rectification.

Email: <u>TrackMark@uka.org.uk</u> for a list of approved track cleaners



