

CLEANING THE WHEELS ON THE HACK ATTACK AND JUNIOR HACK ATTACK

Avoid Build-Up

It is always best to use polyurethane pitching machine balls or regulation leather balls with your pitching machine as these ball surfaces do not leave residue or an excessive build-up on the machine throwing wheels. However, with the increase use of synthetic balls, especially in softball, we are finding that there is more build-up on the pitching machine wheels than we have seen in the past. This build-up often appears to be the wheel actually deteriorating, but this is not the case. Under this build-up you will find a fully functioning, almost as-good-as-new ball throwing wheel!

Once your wheels are free of build-up, regular cleaning of the wheels with just a damp cloth can help avoid any type of future build-up and keep your machine pitching with its usual pinpoint accuracy and consistency.



Example of build-up from a synthetic softball .

Supplies Needed for Wheel Cleaning Include:

- Putty knife, 1 inch wide
- Methyl Ethyl Ketone (M.E.K.), small can*
- Hair dryer or heat gun

Supplies can be purchased at a local paint or hardware store.

*Please follow the manufacturer's safety instructions when using any chemicals.

Directions for Cleaning:

Estimated time is 10+ minutes per wheel depending on the amount of build-up.

Step One: Before attempting any kind of service on your machine, always disconnect unit from power source.

Step Two: Heat up the ball material build-up on one wheel with a hair dryer or heat gun on high setting until build-up softens.

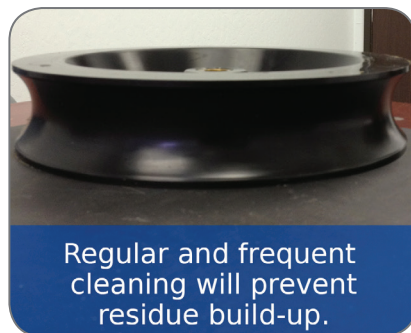
Step Three: With a putty knife, simply loosen and peel off the build-up material.

Step Four: Wet a rag or paper towel with M.E.K. and wipe the wheel to take off any remaining build-up.

For wheels with excessive build-up, you may need to repeat this process.



The build-up can be peeled off once heated thoroughly.



Regular and frequent cleaning will prevent residue build-up.