

Use of Roofing Felt in Sports Floor Systems

Aacer Flooring does not recommend the use of Roofing Felt (asphalt impregnated paper) between the maple flooring and the sub-floor materials. Virtually all sports floors have a poly vapor barrier on the slab. By using felt on top of the sub-floor materials you encapsulate them which stops the assembly from naturally venting or absorbing moisture so that it is in equilibrium with the surrounding area. Trapping moisture under the floor has resulted in mold, mildew and wet rot. Maintaining airflow under the floor increases stability.

Any known moisture issues should be addressed at the slab level—either above or below, before the floor is installed.

Use of roofing felt can void the system warranty.

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