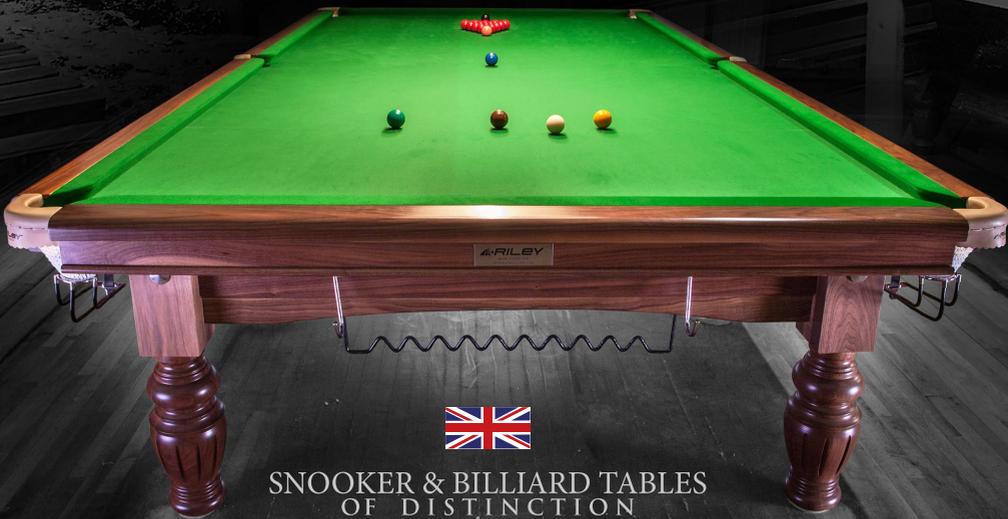




CARE & MAINTENANCE



SNOOKER & BILLIARD TABLES  
OF DISTINCTION  
SINCE 1897



## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PURCHASE

Quality, craftsmanship and attention to detail are at the heart of every Riley England Table, and have been for over 125 years.

We have a dedicated in-house design team whose core values centre on inspirational ideas in delivering innovative designs, advancements in technology, wherever possible, and functionality, combined with an obsession with our traditional values.

To reflect our premium positioning we pride ourselves on using only the finest quality materials when constructing our beautiful high performance tables and cues.

We treat our factories as an extension of our brands, ensuring that every component is perfectly manufactured to the highest standards.

## MAINTENANCE PRESERVING THE OPTIMUM PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Snooker tables are a very complex product, if properly maintained and if a few golden rules are followed, you will have many years of problem free enjoyment from your Riley Table.

Routine cleaning and maintenance are an essential part of owning a Snooker Table.

There are several essential steps to maintaining a snooker table, and in turn prolonging the performance of the table and the individual components themselves.



## PROTECTION FROM THE SUN, HEAT & HUMIDITY

In extreme climates, it's important you regulate the temperature of your Billiard room.

The temperature must be at a constant, we recommend 18 - 23 degrees. We can not guarantee that timbers will not crack ( hairline cracks ), if the room temperature is not properly regulated.

Imagine - 30 degree temperatures outside, and +23 or 24 degrees inside.

If the heating is turned off in the evening, the temperature drops significantly overnight, when the heating is turned back on the next day, the timbers of the table go through a contraction and expansion process that can result in the timbers cracking.

Under floor heating can be present in the room where the Snooker table is installed, provided you notify us in advance of the installation. Our Technicians can take measures to prevent the under floor heating damaging the legs & frames and prevent cracking in the timbers.

## TABLE HEATERS DO NOT USE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

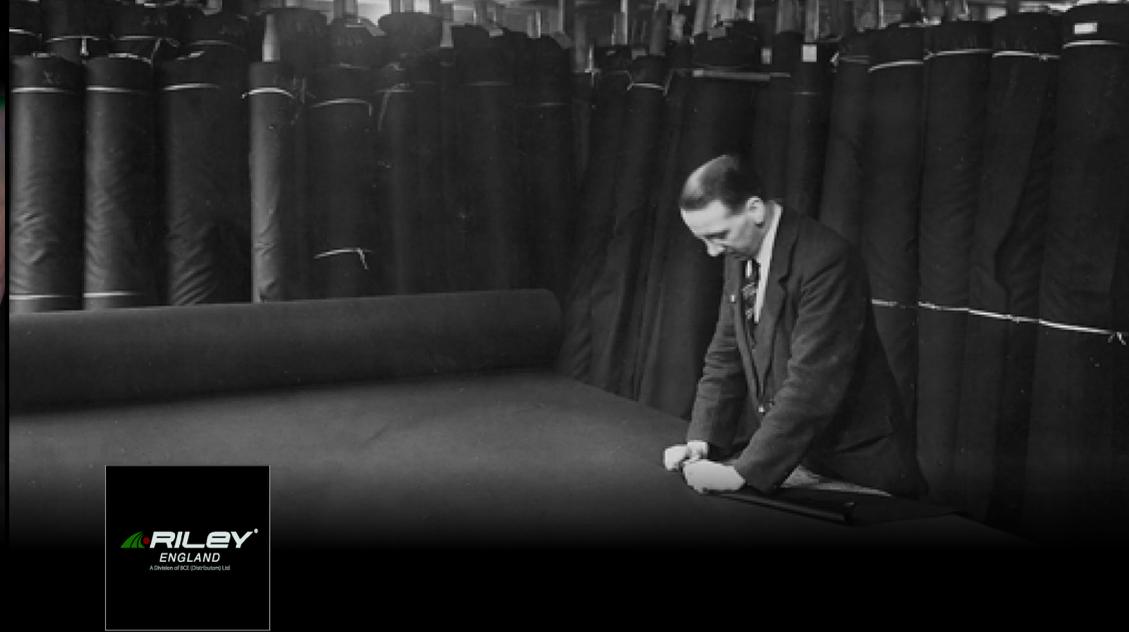
Table heaters were originally designed to bring Tournament Tables up to temperature quickly. Tournament Tables are installed in an auditorium, that shows huge fluctuations in temperature between the full auditorium with an audience and the empty, overnight auditorium.

The solution was to use table heaters to bring the tables up to temperature quickly. Remember, the heaters are used for a maximum of a three-week period and were never intended to be in place for an extended time.

Table heaters, in close proximity, will drive the moisture out of the table and cause the timbers to warp and crack.

In a domestic environment, the room is going to be smaller and therefore easier to regulate with standard heating systems.

In general, a domestic heating system is sufficient to bring the table up to temperature before you wish to play.



## BRUSHING

### AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR FOR PERFORMANCE

Regular brushing is essential and is a major factor in maintaining a good table performance and appearance as well as making the cloth last significantly longer. Brushing removes dust/chalk particles in the cloth and re-establishes the nap direction.

Always brush in straight lines in the direction of the nap (from baulk line to spot), never against or across, otherwise the direction of the nap will be lost and the wool fibres will eventually bunch together, an effect known as piling. It is particularly important not to brush too heavily or use a brush with stiff bristles as this may damage the fibres.

Occasional dry ironing in the direction of the nap only after brushing is desirable as it makes the cloth play faster.

How often it is done depends on table usage and temperature within the room but should be done more frequently in humid conditions.

**Never Hoover/vacuum the cloth.**

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Ironing should only be done after first making sure that the cloth is clean and has been well brushed so that the fibres are laid in the direction of the nap. Otherwise any marks that are not removed during brushing will be set in when the cloth is ironed.

The iron must be clean and should be tested for heat on a sheet of paper. If there is the slightest scorch on the paper, allow the iron to cool before use.

**Never Iron The Cushions, Regular Brushing Is All That Is Required.**



## GENERAL CLEANING AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR FOR LONGEVITY

Regular cleaning of the timbers and cushions will help to maintain the exquisite finish of your Riley Table.

Simply use a damp cloth to wipe down any wood surfaces to remove any dust or debris.

### Do NOT use furniture polish.

Whilst it may be tempting, furniture polish can have an adverse effect on the playing conditions.

Using polish will create a build up of wax on the wood surfaces. This in turn will transfer to your hands during play and subsequently transferred to the cloth, damaging the cloth fibres.

Colour fading will occur as the cloth ages due to ultra violet light, therefore it is advisable to avoid sitting tables near natural daylight, especially direct sunlight. Ideally use a table cover to protect the cloth when not in use and help preserve the brightness of the cloth colour.

## CUE MARKS ALWAYS CHECK YOUR CUE BEFORE USE

These are small spots that appear when the players cue literally 'shaves off' the nap surface after striking the cue ball below mid centre, commonly known as screw back.

Further still, a careless player could actually rip the cloth with their cue tip when taking this type of shot. These marks are most noticeable on a new cloth but gradually become less prominent as the cloth wears.

Always check your cue tips as this type of damage occurs more frequently if the cue tips have become damaged or are badly fitted, also if the edges of the ferrule are rough or sharp.



## TABLE DISCIPLINE

### AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR FOR LONGEVITY

Encouraging and enforcing proper discipline amongst table users will also considerably extend the performance of the cloth and help maintain it's performance.

In particular;

- **Do not** attempt to move / re-locate your table unless the table is moved / re-located by a Riley Trained or qualified fitter. It is impossible to move a snooker table safely without de-rigging the table properly before hand.
- **Do not** spin coins, drop balls or place objects on the table.
- **Do not** use cues with sharp edges on ferrules.
- **Do not** drink over the table.
- **Do not** chalk the cue over the table as chalk dust builds up and acts as an abrasive.
- **Do not** use worn or damaged balls and avoid excessively powerful shots.
- **Do not** sit or leave cues on the surface of the table.





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