

Thanks for your order of the BLADE SAVER Hockey Training Tiles! We are confident these tiles will serve you well for years to come.

Please read these instructions for important information on how best to care for, assemble, dis-assemble, and even enhance the slickness of your tiles if you desire.

TILE CARE

1. These tiles are NON-SKATEABLE. Do not attempt to skate on them with ice skates or it will damage them. Rollerblades and roller skates are perfectly fine.
2. While these tiles are weather-resistant, they will gradually wear down over time due to the elements. To make them last as long as possible, it is best to store them inside or in a covered area such as a garage or basement. They can also be dis-assembled (see below) and placed back into their box for more compact storage.

TILE ASSEMBLY

To assemble the tiles, it is easiest to start by forming one row at a time and then connect each row together. For example, if you have 1 set of 15 tiles, this would mean connecting 3 tiles together to form a row, repeating this 4 more times, and then connecting each of the 5 rows of 3 tiles together. The Amazon listing has videos that show this process.

To connect one tile to another:

1. Line up the tiles so the loops on the edges are pointing in the same direction.
2. Line up the tabs (not loops) on the edge of the tile you're connecting over the inside of the loops on the tile you're connecting it to. It may help to angle the tile you're connecting downward into the loops a bit to get the tabs and loops aligned properly.
3. Once the tabs and loops are aligned, use the palms of your hands to press down on the tabs from one end to the other until they all snap into place.
4. Repeat to form a single row of tiles.

To connect rows of tiles together:

1. Line up the rows so the loops on the edges are pointing in the same direction.
2. Line up the tabs on the edges of the tiles you're connecting over the inside of the loops on the row of tiles you're connecting them to. Once again, it may help to angle the tiles downward into the loops to get the tabs and loops aligned properly.
3. Once the tabs and loops are aligned, use the palms of your hands to press down on the tabs from one end to the other until they all snap into place.
4. Repeat until all the rows of tiles are connected.

TILE DIS-ASSEMBLY

Taking the tiles apart is straightforward. Just as with assembly, it is easiest to take them apart one row at a time.

Simply pull the rows apart one at a time, lifting the tabs out of the loops, starting from one side to the other. It may help to prop the tiles on their side or turn them over to more easily see how the loops and tabs are connected during this process.

INCREASING TILE SLICKNESS

These tiles are intended to provide good glide for hockey pucks out of the box. The slickness of the tiles CAN be increased to be more ice-like, but this is not the default because of the greatly increased risk of slipping and falling on the tiles when stepping, walking, or shifting your weight on them (like while shooting).

Nevertheless, if you still would like to increase the slickness of the tiles, here are the steps:

1. First, find a medium-to-large size towel you don't mind getting dirty, some all-purpose cleaning spray, and pick up some hockey tile lubricating spray (available on Amazon). Furniture polish (such as Pledge) also works well for lubrication.
2. Unless the tiles are brand new out of the box, spray the tiles with the cleaning spray and then clean the entire surface with the towel. Wipe it well.
3. Spray the lubricant across all the tiles as was done with the cleaning spray. Then use the other side of the towel to completely wipe down the entire surface.

Here is a link to a short video detailing this process: <https://youtu.be/OhA511quYIA>

WARNING: BE VERY CAREFUL WHEN STEPPING OR WALKING ON THE TILES AFTER APPLYING THE LUBRICANT. THEY WILL BE VERY SLICK NOW AND IT IS MUCH EASIER TO SLIP AND FALL AND GET HURT.

With increased use of the tiles and exposure to the elements, they will naturally start to lose their slickness. So, increasing their slickness via the process above may be warranted when you feel that pucks are no longer gliding sufficiently.

Thanks again for your business and we hope you enjoy using your new tiles!

Sincerely,

BLADE SAVER Hockey

