# Cleaning

We advise you DO NOT place the wheel in the dishwasher for cleaning. The constant heat and high temperature of water will possibly warp the wheel and/or the track.

Place the wheel face down in a sink or tub of warm water to soak, keeping the bearing assembly (if attached) above water.

### Cleaning Solution Options:

- A NON-TOXIC cleaner or vinegar/water solution
- Dawn dish liquid (we place some on a bath poof to clean all our products)
- A 10% Bleach/Water Solution

Rinse well with clean water to remove cleaning solution, wipe dry and put back into the cage.

#### At each cleaning:

- Check the track and gaskets, make sure things are nice and tight. Gaskets should be tightly tucked in the groove.
- Wheels with Removable Bearing Assemblies: Make sure the tee and bearing assembly are tight.

If you are using a side mount, we suggest you remove the entire mount assembly once a month. Removal all parts allows you the opportunity to check the bars on the cage to make sure no problems are hiding under the washer. For example, a broken weld on the wire. A good time to do this may be when you do your thorough cage cleaning!

## Care of Bearing Assembly

If water gets inside the bearing assembly tee, the wheel/treadmill may begin to squeak, squeal or seize. Please use care to avoid getting water into the bearing assembly. All is not lost if you notice the wheel beginning to make noise or seize.

#### To fix an issue:

- Remove the cap off the back of the tee housing the bearing assembly.
- Place the wheel/treadmill face down, just to make it a little easier for you.
- Put a couple drops of Mineral or Baby Oil on the bearings, using an eye dropper or a plastic disposable pipette.
  - You can use cooking oil or spray oil but there is a greater probability that the cooking oils will yellow and get tacky and/or gummy over time.
  - NOTE: There are two bearings in the wheel so you will need to put drops in from the back of the tee and also the hole in the bottom of the tee where the stand is attached. You may not be able to get any drops in the treadmill.
- Spin the wheel/treadmill in both directions to allow the oil to soak into the bearings.
- Wipe off any excess oil.
- Put the cap back on the tee.
- Place back in your cage for the next use!

Some simply do the above as preventative maintenance and some never have problems.

Questions or concerns, please contact us immediately.