

How to remove chemical smell from rubber

Brand new rubber will emit an odor, this is for all new rubber items regardless of product.

Because the base of the product is made from rubber, and it being brand new, it will emit this odor, which the process is called outgassing.

This outgassing will dissipate in time, but to help speed up the process, there are a few things that can be done, and I personally had success doing this.

1: Sunning - this means to put outside in the direct sun to heat up the rubber, remember to face the rubber to the sun. The act of heating the rubber will speed up out-gassing (think of heating up water, the water turns to steam, steam is the outgassing). Depending on the intensity of the sun will determine how long it takes for the outgassing process. It can be a few hours, days to a few weeks depending on the heat intensity (don't worry the product can handle it).

2: After "sunning" the rubber (which the odor should be dramatically less or almost non-existent), use a neutral pH cleaner to spray, let soak, then wipe the rubber surface. Types of neutral pH cleaners: dish soap, odorban, Zep, etc. and if want some fruity scents, orange glow.

3: Repeat, if necessary, but if step one is done properly, this should eliminate the outgassing process totally, and never have to deal with smell again.