

## How Humidity Can Affect Your Pool Table

It is important for your pool table to be installed in a humidity controlled room. Your tables components can be negatively affected by humidity above or under the recommended levels. Important changes in humidity causes wood to either absorb or release moisture causing it to shrink or swell.

The recommended humidity level for a home is between 35% and 45%. This range will provide your pool table with just the right amount of moisture, without the air becoming too wet or dry.

Humidity levels can be easily checked with a hygrometer (a small and inexpensive tool that looks similar to a thermometer). You may find that you need a humidifier in the winter and a dehumidifier in the summer to maintain and assure the ideal comfort level.



### When Humidity is Too Low

When it's cold out (as it often is in Canada) and we heat our homes, there is insufficient moisture in the air, and this can lead to a variety of problems, including cracks and dried-out joints of your pool table and other furniture in your room. The leather pockets can dry out causing them to become hard and brittle. The billiard cloth can also dry out and wear faster than normal.

### When Humidity is Too High

When there is too much moisture in your home, wet air can get trapped in basements, and other closed areas. Your billiard cloth can become loose and ripple very easily as in the photo. It will also slow the speed of the balls. High humidity can cause bacteria and mold to form on your furniture which can not only cause personal health issues but can also affect the wood finish of your table.

If these problems occur on your table they may not be covered under the warranty so it is very important that you take note of the humidity levels of your home, especially during the summer and winter seasons. Considering the investment you've made, it is in your best interest.

