

Floor Pads

The color of a floor pad designates its aggressiveness and therefore its use. There is a rainbow of different colors of floor pads. Various manufacturers use different colors to market their particular product. As a general rule of thumb, lighter colors (white, tan, beige) are less aggressive and used for polishing or burnishing floors. The middle colors (red, blue, green) are used for cleaning floors. A dark pad (brown, Black) is the coarsest, most aggressive and therefore used for deep cleaning and stripping floors.

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Long before floor pads came on the scene, brushes were used on rotary floor machines. They still are a good alternative and in some instances do a better job than a pad. A brush has the ability to get down in grout lines so it does a great job on ceramic and quarry tile floors. A brush is also less likely to 'load up' with floor finish or other substances. There are a variety of very specialized fibers to handle unusual tasks.

A brush initially costs more than a pad holder and a case of floor pads. However, in the long run, the brush will long outlast many, many cases of pads and end up being more cost effective.