

Hard Surface Care Procedures

Initial Treatment for Refinishing

- Before beginning, be sure you have everything you will need at the work site. (You may want to make a list of the things you will need to be sure)
- Use a putty knife or scraper to remove gum or similar soil.
- Dust Mop thoroughly.
- Put up "Wet Floor" Signs.
- Take measures to protect areas that are not to be stripped such as carpet lines. Create a Walk-Off area to prevent stripper from being tracked onto other surfaces.
- Clean baseboards, edges, and corners with baseboard stripper and a swivel pad or brush (Doodle Pad)
- Detail Walls – Don't wait until after you finish refinishing job.
- Mix stripper with hot water according to directions on container label.
- Apply solution to a workable area and allow 5 – 10 minutes dwell time to allow stripper to begin to soften finish. DO NOT ALLOW STRIPPER TO DRY ON FLOOR. Reapply stripper to areas that begin to dry.
- **FLOOR SURFACE WILL BE VERY SLIPPERY!**
- Using a low speed floor machine (175 rpm) or automatic scrubber equipped with a black strip pad (or stripping brush) scrub the floor.
- Using a cotton or blended mop, wet vacuum or automatic scrubber pick up the slurry of old finish and stripper.
- Rinse the floor thoroughly using a clean bucket and mop. Let the floor dry completely.
- Inspect the floor to make certain no residue remains on floor. Re-strip as needed. Re-rinse as needed.
- Be sure mop bucket, wringer, and other items used in the stripping step are cleaned thoroughly and free of any residue from stripper.
- Pour sealer or finish into a clean, lined mopping bucket. Pour gently into bucket onto a clean rayon finish mop to minimize foam and bubbles.
- Gently squeeze excess sealer/finish from mop. Do Not Wring- allow excess to drip off in bucket.
- Gently and quickly lay mop onto floor to avoid dripping. Outline area to be finished keeping mop off baseboard. Fill in center using a 'figure eight' motion. Try to keep mop on floor at all times. Do not over work finish/sealer or try to fill in spots you may have missed. You can catch with the next coat.
- Apply thin, even coats.
- Allow first coat to dry thoroughly. Do not point a fan or blower directly on finish as it can cause it to ripple.
- Apply additional coats of finish, 3 to 6 coats, using the same technique as described. Do not apply an outline coat next to baseboard more than twice. Keep a mop's head width distance from baseboards after first two coats.
- Clean up equipment
- Allow finish to cure for 24 hours before burnishing.