

Floor Stripping is the most important part of obtaining a beautiful floor. Short cutting this procedure can make or break your floor job.

HOW TO STRIP FLOORS

Supplies and Equipment

EQUIPMENT

- “ Floor Hazard” Signs
- Mop handle
- 1 Relintless Mop Head (clean)
- 2 Cotton Mophead
- Floor Machine or Scrubber
- Scraper (4 ft) w/blades
- Squeegee & Wet/ Vacuum or Scrubber

CHEMICALS

- Rip Saw Stripper
- Fresh Water
- Base Hit Baseboard Clnr

FLOOR PADS

- Black Strip Pad
- Hvy Dty Strip Pad
- Doodle Bug Black Pad

Procedure

1. Prepare the area.
 - a) Place “Wet Floor Hazard” signs at entrance to area if they are not already there.
 - b) Move furniture. Work around heavy furniture or equipment that cannot be moved.
 - c) Remove gum and other foreign material with a scraper.
 - d) Set equipment in area where work will begin. In a room start in the farthest corner from entrance.
 2. Follow instructions for RipSaw Stripper and pour into bucket. Use cool tap water
Tip: Hot water can loosen tile adhesive and cause solution to dry to faster
 3. Starting at the farthest point from entrance, Apply the solution in a 6’ to 7’ arc or side to side movement to cover the area between the edges. Cover only a 100 to 125 sqft area at a time.
 4. Allow stripper to stand for 10 minutes. If stripper dries re-wet area
 5. Using the floor machine with either a Black Strip Pad or a Heavy Duty Strip Pad. Run the machine over the area that is covered with the stripping solution. Be sure to overlap the strokes made by the machine.
 6. Use the mop and empty bucket, Wet Dry Vacuum or Scrubber to pick up dirty solution
 7. Rinse area using a clean new Cotton Mop head and cold water.
 8. Allow floor to dry. Re-strip any high gloss spots
 9. If additional rinsing not required. Rinse area again and allow to dry before applying finish (If additional stripping needed rinse area 2x before applying finish or use a neutralizer in last rinse cycle.
- *Note Test floor by wiping hand across floor. If a white powder comes up, the floor is not properly rinsed and must be rinsed again.

Accomplishment

After following this procedure the floor will be free of all sealers, finishes, dirt, grime, gum, other foreign matter and have no powdery residue. The floor is then ready for finish to bond to the floor tile properly.

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