

Stripping Vinyl & Terrazzo

REQUIRED TOOLS:

Mop buckets w/ wringers - FOR STRIPPER - FOR RINSE
Mop bucket w/ wringer lined with garbage bag - for Sealer / Floor Finish
Two mop handles w/ wet mop heads
Pad holder w/ black pad
Long handle scraper w/ blade
Putty knife
Wet floor signs
Cleaning cloths
Personal protective equipment (rubber gloves, eye protection)
Floor machine w/ pad driver (175 - 300 RPM)
Black stripping pads or Black Hi-Pro pads
Wet vacuum w/ hose, wand and squeegee tool
Floor finish mop w/ Mop handle

CHEMICALS

Sealer
Floor finish

PROCEDURES

Dust mop or sweep floor area and remove any foreign debris, i.e. gum, tar etc.

Mix proper solution of stripper with the correct amount of water in your mop bucket with COLD water.

Note: Mixing the stripper stronger than the recommended dilution ratios will not result in faster or deeper stripping.

Post wet floor signs. The signs must indicate which areas are being stripped.

Mop the diluted stripper over the area to be cleaned (approximately 12' x 12') and allow adequate time for penetration of the stripper. Under normal conditions the diluted stripper should remain on the floor surface for 5 - 10 minutes (dwell). **Do not allow stripper solution to dry on the floor surface!**

After proper dwell time, agitate the floor surface with a floor machine equipped with a black stripping pad or Hi-Pro pad. Work with a small circular motion moving about the area you are stripping.

Use the pad holder with handle, equipped with a black pad and agitate the perimeter of the room i.e. baseboards.

Recover all stripper solution with a wet vacuum equipped with the proper floor squeegee tool.

If heavy build-up is present, repeat the above process as required.

Alternate Rinse Process. After floor has been completely stripped of all old finish, change floor pad to a clean green or black floor pad (color of floor pad is not nearly as important as is the condition of the floor pad). Flood floor surface with clean water (approximately 12' x 12') and agitate with floor machine and appropriate floor pad. Recover water with wet vacuum and floor squeegee tool.

After floor has dried, check to insure that ALL stripper residue has been removed by running your hand across the floor surface. If there is residue present on your hand repeat the rinse procedure.

Damp mop floor with a CLEAN mop and CLEAN rinse water.

Clean your equipment and return to its appropriate area.

Do not remove the wet floor signs until floor is completely dry.

You are now ready to begin applying sealer / finish to your floor.