

## **SAVE TIME & MONEY - TIPS**

### **Stripping**

Use the recommended dilution

Stronger isn't always better. The stripping solution must contain some water to be effective.

#### **Use cold water**

Today's strippers do not require hot water to do their job. In fact, using hot water will cause the stripping chemical to "flash" (evaporate) off.

#### **Allow the stripper solution to "dwell" for several minutes before scrubbing.**

Some strippers such as Full Press require about 5 minutes to penetrate the floor finish while others will take 10 - 20 minutes. For heavy buildup, you may have to apply more stripper to the floor when the stripper solution becomes saturated with old loosened finish.

**To check if the floor is ready for scrubbing**, scrape the finish film with the center section of a floor pad. Be sure you are wearing rubber gloves. If you easily scrape the bare floor, it is ready to scrub. If the pad scrapes only a slippery layer of finish, then you need more time or more stripper solution.

### **Finishing**

#### **Always use laundered rayon-blend mop heads for applying finish.**

Soiled or new cotton mops can turn the finish brown. Before use, soak mops in water and wring out tightly, so they absorb less finish and are easier to clean.

#### **Coat traffic lanes more than other areas.**

On the first application, stay at least 12 inches away from baseboards and corners. To prevent edge buildup, apply one coat of sealer and one coat of finish to non-trafficked edges.

#### **Apply finish in uniform, thin to medium coats.**

Eight coats of finish would have less thickness than a sheet of regular copy paper.

### **Cleaning/Maintenance**

#### **Dust mop as often as possible (You can never do too much).**

Frequent dust mopping and immediate clean up of spills are critical to great looking floors.

#### **Use only clean dust mops with a good mop treatment.**

Follow dilution instructions carefully to conserve cleaner and protect finish.

**Use quality neutral cleaners** that are strong enough to remove soil without damaging your finish. The cleaner solution is too strong if your finish looks hazy and dull after cleaning.

**Always use clean scrubbing pads or brushes** on auto scrubbers and rotary machines, and clean cotton mops for hand mopping.

#### **Deep scrub floors before recoating** to prevent floor finish buildup and delay stripping.

Mix a cleaning solution suitable for heavy soil; apply with a mop or auto scrubber. Scrub the floor using an automatic or rotary machine equipped with blue scrub pads, then pick up solution and rinse. Surface should be clean and free of scratches, heel marks, and any cleaner residue.

Recoat with finish.

### **Buffing/Burnishing**

#### **Always clean the floor before any buffing operation.**

Even light accumulations of soil quickly become embedded into the floor finish when burnished.

**Use a softer, less aggressive buffing pad for several days until the finish has fully cured.** With softer finishes, fresh coats may show swirl marks and scratches when buffed.

#### **Change and clean buffing pads frequently.**

As they pick up floor finish, dirt and other materials, they become less effective and create excess drag on the buffing machine.

