



Stripping is a measure of last resort and should be performed only when a deep scrub and recoat will not restore a finish to the desired level of appearance. Yellowing, embedded dirt, and irreparable damage to the finish are conditions that require stripping. Newly installed flooring should not be stripped. For new flooring, please preform a top scrub to remove factory-applied coatings.



People

- Team Assignments – 3 to 4 people. Who will be operating floor machine, applying stripping solution, running wet vacuum, etc.?
- Safety Equipment – safety shoes, gloves, eye protection, proper air exchanges, please refer to product Safety Data Sheets.
- Pre-Training: Since floor renovation (Stripping) is performed at a very low frequency, it is important to review the proper procedures and safety measures before proceeding with this maintenance activity.



Product & Equipment

- Dust mop
- Putty knife or floor scraper
- Wet Floor signs
- 175 rpm floor machine with pad holder or orbital floor machine
- Wet vacuum
- Black strip pads
- Doodle bug with strip pad
- 2 - 3 mop buckets with wringers
- 2- 3 clean cotton or rayon mops with handles
- Hillyard Floor Stripper – read label directions for proper dilution rate and usage.
- Floor Neutralizer Hillyard Nutra-Rinse or Hillyard Arsenal Neutralizer
- Defoamer for use in wet vacuum and auto-scrubber.
- Optional: Auto-Scrubber for rinsing only.





Procedures

1. Sweep the floor to wall junction and dust mop the floor.
2. Remove gum and stickers with putty knife or floor scraper.
3. Position wet floor signs.
4. Mix stripper in mop bucket following label directions.
5. Apply a generous amount (250 sq. ft. per diluted gallon) of the stripper solution to the floor, working in 150 – 300 sq. ft. areas at a time.
6. Allow for 3 – 10 minutes of dwell time, per label directions.
7. Scrub the floor with black stripping pad, scrubbing edges and corners with black doodle bug strip pad.
8. Remove stripped slurry with wet vacuum. (note: remove stripped slurry quickly, do not let it dwell on the floor).
9. Flood rinse stripped section with neutralizer solution.
10. Recover neutralizer solution with wet vacuum or auto-scrubber.
11. Continue with stripping of each 150 – 300 sq. ft section until the entire floor is stripped.
12. Damp mop rinse floor twice with water or rinse once with auto-scrubber .
13. Inspect the floor for complete removal of old finish. Strip again, if necessary.
14. Clean equipment.
15. Protect floor from foot traffic until floor finish has been applied.



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