

Strip and Finish Procedures

FLOOR CARE MAINTENANCE

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

Assemble Supplies and Prepare Floor

Proper stripping requires the right equipment. Some or all of it may be necessary for complete and efficient removal of finish.

- Remove any soil and chewing gum with scraper and thoroughly dust mop.
- Place wet floor signs.

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- Clean Mop
- Clean Bucket
- Swing Machine
- Black or Hi-Pro Swing Machine Pads
- Vacuum (to remove stripping solution)

- Burnisher (optional but recommended)
- UHS Pads for Burnisher (optional but recommended)
- **Mr. Xcel**
- **Blue Magik**
- **Elite 22**
- **Apollo**

STRIP

1 PREPARE STRIPPER SOLUTION

Dilute Mr. Xcel 1:19 with COLD water. When mixing stripper in a mop bucket, use 1 qt. of Mr. Xcel and fill mop bucket to 5 gal. mark.

If using a Brute Roll-Around Barrel use 2 gals. of Mr. Xcel and fill Brute Roll-Around to "lip."

5-Gallon Mop Bucket



=

1 Quart
Mr. Xcel

+

Cold
Water



44-Gallon Brute Barrel



FILL
LEVEL

=

2 Gallons
Mr. Xcel

Cold
Water

+



2 MOP ON



Work in 10' X 30' (300 sq. ft.) sections mopping solution heavily on floor surface.

Allow solution to "dwell" 10 minutes.

3 SCRUB



Fit swing machine with Black or Hi-Pro pads, scrub area thoroughly, not letting the solution dry.

4 PICK UP STRIPPER



Vacuum up solution. Check for shiny patches on floor which indicate finish has not been completely removed. Spot treat shiny areas with Mr. Xcel solution, let dwell 10 minutes and re-scrub with swing machine, vacuuming up solution.

Note: If the floor is still slippery when the stripper is applied, there is still finish on the floor.

5 RINSE FLOOR

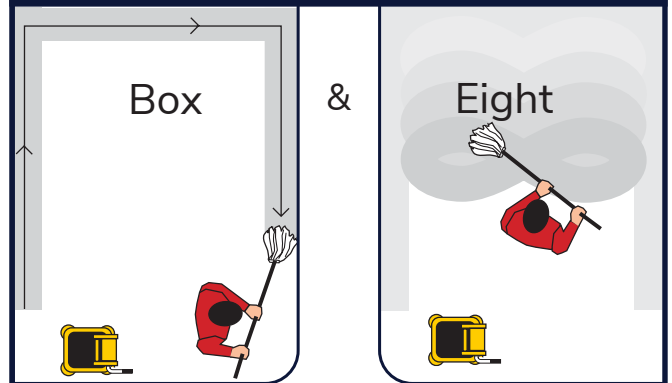


Rinse floor with Blue Magik diluted to 2 oz. per gallon with mop and vacuum or auto scrubber. Pro Tip: DO NOT rinse floor with water alone. Use Blue Magik which will properly neutralize remaining stripper and remove old finish residue from floor

Allow floor to dry completely before applying finish.

FINISH

1 APPLY FINISH



To apply Elite 22 finish, mop finish down using the "box and eight" technique. Finish is ready for a new coat when it passes the "Paper Test".

BIG PRO TIP: The Paper Test

1. Wait until finish has dried for period of time listed on package directions.
2. Place a piece of loose paper directly on floor surface.
3. Use your hand or the sole of your shoe to gently rotate the paper back and forth. If the paper rotates easily (without "ticking") the floor is dry.

2 ADDITIONAL COATS



Apply up to 4 coats of Elite 22 in 24 hours. Applying more than 4 coats increases the likelihood of a slow cure.

Apply a minimum base of 5 to 6 coats of finish for optimal results.

3 PERIODIC BURNISH



To periodically restore gloss, apply Apollo at 6 oz. per gallon. Burnish the floor using a high speed machine and burnishing pads. Turn pads often to prevent loading. Always dust mop after burnishing.