

# HOW TO FINISH FLOORS

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Purpose: To finish the floor by filling the pores of a new floor or of an old porous floor which has been stripped. If you have any questions, please feel free to give us a call so we can clarify the procedures outlined below.

## Supplies and Equipment:

- Use 24oz/32oz Rayon Wet Mop or Great White® Finish Mop
- 2 buckets on casters or on a dolly
- 2 wringers
- Plastic liner
- NL 550 One Step Finish
- Fresh water (cool water)

## Procedures:

### 1. Prepare floor area:

- a. Strip the floors
- b. Place "Floor Hazard" signs in easy-to-see locations near entrances to area.
- c. Put supplies and equipment in floor area to be sealed.
- d. Fill one bucket 3/4 full with cool water.
- e. Put plastic bag (liner) into the empty bucket that is to be used for the NL 550 One Step Finish, then pour finish into lined bucket. Using the plastic bag liner keeps the bucket clean and keeps the sealer from becoming contaminated with any residue that might be in the bucket.

*Reminder:* Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for using the finish.

### 2. Dip the mop head into the bucket with water. Wring out as much as possible.

### 3. Dip the mop head into the finish. Wring out gently so mop head is wet but does not drip.

### 4. Starting on the floor by one of the baseboards in the farthest corner of the room, outline the entire area to be sealed if it can be completed before the sealer starts to dry. If the entire area

cannot be out lined before the sealer dries, apply the sealer to the floor along the baseboards covering as much of the outline as possible.

5. Using a side-to-side motion, apply the finish to the floor area inside the outlined area starting at the farthest corner and moving backward toward the door. Overlap the strokes. Avoid having puddles of sealer on the floor.

6. Allow the floor to dry completely before applying any more coats of finish.

7. If recoating is needed, follow the same steps as above starting with step 4, except start outline 6" away from baseboard. This area gets little or no wear since people cannot walk that close to the baseboard.

Note:

While waiting for one coat to dry, be sure to rinse out the mop head.

When finished, take the plastic liner containing the remaining sealer out of the bucket and toss it away.

Accomplishment:

After following this floor finishing procedure, and apply 3-4 coats of finish, the floor should be sealed and easier to maintain.