



FLOOR CARE



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Floor finish protects the floor, increases the safety of the surface, and enhances the appearance. Maintex offers a wide range of floor finishes. Your sales consultant or supervisor can help you choose the product that meets your expectations based on the traffic conditions, desired appearance, and the equipment available to maintain the floor. A floor finish should only be applied to floors that are completely cleaned. Apply finish immediately after the floor has been stripped or deep scrubbed.

To begin the process, gather all the necessary supplies, which may include:



MX900000
Air Mover



261536
36" Dust Mop Complete



248153
Trash Liner



2689233
Wet Floor Sign



122504
Polymer 25 Floor Finish
or another Maintex Stripper



2257200
Ultra High Speed Pad



TE9007349
BR-2000-DC High Speed Burnisher

If using a traditional mop:



2175411
Finish Mop



23570932
Bucket/Wringer Combo

If using a microfiber finish applicator:



225568
Bucketless Mop w/Mop Pad

For additional options contact your Maintex Sales Consultant or visit us online at maintex.com

Let's get started...



Always wear personal protective equipment when handling chemicals: gloves and goggles.

Review the product labels and chemical SDS.

Prepare the floor...



A Remove furniture and fixtures, then dust mop the floor.



B Place wet floor signs around the area that is being finished.



C Clean base boards and corners before applying the floor finish.



D Burnish the clean, stripped floor with a high speed burnisher and burnishing pad.

TIP: If your burnisher does not have a dust control feature you will need to dust mop again after burnishing and prior to applying floor finish.

Using a traditional mop...

It is very important to use a clean mop that has not been used for anything else but applying floor finish.



1 Insert a clean new trash liner into the finish bucket overlapping the bucket edge. Place the wringer over the bucket and liner.



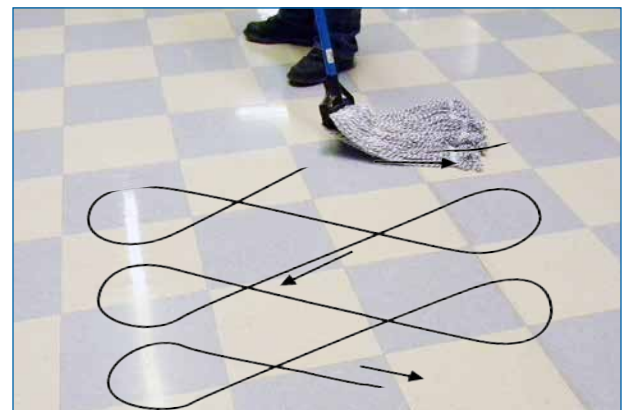
2 Pour the correct amount of finish you will need into the bucket.
TIP: One gallon of finish will provide a medium thick coat with 2,000 to 2,500 square feet of coverage.



3 Immerse your clean wet mop into the floor finish. Place the mop in the wringer and wring the bottom half of the mop.



4 Start the finishing process at the area farthest from the exit. You will move towards the exit as you work. This will prevent walking over the wet area. Work in areas approximately 15 by 20 feet.



5 On the very first coat, outline the area you will be finishing. Mop parallel to the wall. Fill in the center area using a figure eight motion. Flip the mop every three or four passes to distribute the finish evenly.



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As the mop begins to feel dry, re-immers the mop into the finish bucket and wring the bottom half of the mop gently several times.



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Wait at least 20 minutes between coats. Touch the floor with your hand to make sure it is not damp or tacky, then apply the next coat. When applying finish after stripping, lay a minimum of four coats.

TIP: Never add more than four coats of finish in one night. Wait 24 hours if possible before high speed burnishing.



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Using an air mover directed above the finish can accelerate drying times. Do not point the blower directly on the floor or up on overhead ceiling vents.



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Apply the second and third coats to the middle of the floor area staying at least a foot away from the wall.



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The final coat of finish should be applied to both the middle of the floor and the border, using the same outlining method as the first coat.



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Gather up your supplies, rinse the mop out thoroughly and hang to air dry. Dispose of the remaining finish and return furniture to its original place.

TIP: Left-over finish cannot be re-used because it will become contaminated.

Using a microfiber finish applicator...

The gravity fed system is designed with a finish feed tank, aluminum frame and microfiber floor finish pad.



1 Attach the microfiber finish pad to the pad holder. Fill the floor finish holding tank with Maintex floor finish. Tighten the lid.



2 Move to the area furthest from the exit to begin applying the finish. Press the liquid release button to begin dispensing finish. Saturate the pad and outline the area you are finishing along the border. Fill in the center using a figure eight motion.



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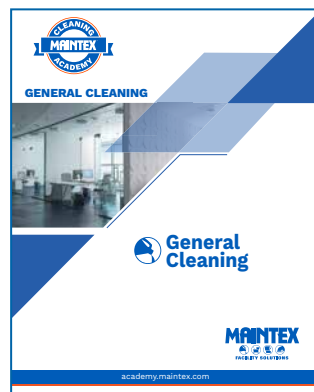


7 Gather up your supplies, rinse the mop out thoroughly and place to air dry. Drain the remaining finish and thoroughly clean and rinse the dispensing tube. Return furniture back to its original place.

*The floor is now finished
and ready for use*

NOTES

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