

# How To: Stripping & Waxing

(Remember to check and review all equipment in order to finish your job quickly.)

## I. STRIPPING

1. MAKE SURE THAT THE FLOOR IS FREE OF DIRT, SAND, AND OTHER LARGE PARTICLE SOILS.
2. IF THE AREA BEING STRIPPED HAS BASEBOARDS, APPLY A BASEBOARD STRIPPING SPRAY TO THE BASEBOARDS.
3. USE A BASEBOARD STRIPPER PAD (DOODLEBUG) TO REMOVE WAX ALONG THE BASEBOARDS.
4. DILUTE YOUR STRIPPER FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIONS ON THE BOTTLE. YOU WILL USE A HEAVIER CONCENTRATION FOR HEAVY BUILD UP OR FOR REMOVING THICK COATS OF WAX. LIGHTER COATS OR LESS DIRT WILL NOT REQUIRE AS HEAVY A CONCENTRATION.
5. APPLY YOUR STRIPPER TO THE AREA TO BE TREATED. USE A MOP TO APPLY THE STRIPPER OF YOUR CHOICE, OR USE A JL MULTI-FUNCTION BUFFER TO APPLY THE STRIPPER TO THE AREA BEING TREATED.
6. ONCE APPLIED, GIVE THE STRIPPER AT LEAST 5 MINUTES TO ACTIVATE ITS FULL POTENTIAL BEFORE CONTINUING WITH THE PROJECT. USE A DECK BRUSH OR A LOW SPEED MACHINE WITH PAD OR BRUSH TO HELP THE STRIPPER GET DEEPER.
7. MULTIPLE TREATMENTS OF STRIPPER MAY BE REQUIRED FOR FLOORS WITH BUILT UP DIRT OR MULTIPLE LAYERS OF WAX.
8. ONCE THE STRIPPER IS SET AND READY FOR REMOVAL, YOU WILL NEED TO REMOVE THE SOLUTION FROM THE TREATMENT AREA WITH A WET/DRY VACUUM OR MOP.

## II. RINSE

1. IF THERE IS RESIDUE LEFT, GO OVER THE TREATED AREA WITH A WET MOP; IF USING THE SAME MOP HEAD AS THE ONE USED TO APPLY THE STRIPPER, MAKE SURE THE STRIPPER IS COMPLETELY RINSED OUT OF IT.
2. IF ANY STRIPPER IS STILL ON THE FLOOR WHEN APPLYING WAX, IT CAN CAUSE BONDING ISSUES. USING A “NO RINSE” STRIPPER LIKE JANILINK’S BULLDOZER II CAN KEEP THIS FROM HAPPENING.
3. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THE FLOOR IS FREE FROM STRIPPER YOU CAN USE A NEUTRAL CLEANER OR DEGREASER (NEUTRAL Q, IMPACT, ETC.) TO FINALIZE THE RINSE STAGE.

## III. WAXING

1. WHEN YOU HAVE FINISHED STRIPPING, YOU CAN START WAXING. YOU WILL NEED TO VERIFY THAT THE AREA BEING TREATED IS FREE OF ALL DEBRIS AND PARTICLE SOILS, ALSO THAT THE FLOOR IS DRY.
2. POUR WAX EITHER STRAIGHT TO YOUR FLOOR OR USE A BUCKET TO BETTER CONTROL THE AMOUNT USED. APPLY TO SMALL AREAS AT A TIME USING A MOP FLAT MOPS ARE PREFERRED FOR THIS AS THEY LEAVE A SMOOTHER, THINNER COAT. REGULAR SADDLE MOPS CAN ALSO BE USED, BUT THEY TEND TO “DRINK” WAX AND CAN LEAVE LINES OR A THICKER COAT.
3. LET THE FLOOR DRY BEFORE STARTING YOUR NEXT COAT. DRYING CAN TAKE UP TO 30 MINUTES BUT WILL VARY BASED ON TEMPURATURE, HUMIDITY, AND AIRFLOW. THE FLOOR FINISH SHOULD COVER 1500 TO 2500 SQ. FT PER GALLON. YOUR COATS SHOULD BE AS THINS AS POSSIBLE. GENERALLY, MOST FLOORS REQUIRE 3 TO 4 COATS.

## IV. MATERIALS NEEDED:

### STRIPPING

JL MULTIFUNCTION BUFFER  
BLACK STRIPPING PAD  
STRIPPER  
MOP HEADS  
MOP HANDLES  
MOP BUCKETS  
BASEBOARD STRIPPER  
BASEBOARD STRIPPER PAD  
BASEBOARD PAD HOLDER  
WET FLOOR SIGNS  
CORNER BRUSH (OPTIONAL)

### RINSE

MOP HEAD/HANDLE  
CLEAN WATER  
WET/DRY VACUUM  
BUCKET HOSE (OPTIONAL)  
NEUTRAL CLEANER (OPTIONAL)

### WAXING

CLEAN MOP BUCKETS  
MICROFIBER FLAT MOP OR FINISH MOP  
FLAT MOP FRAME  
WAX BUCKET  
FINISHING WAX/SEALER  
BUCKETLESS MOP SYSTEM (OPTIONAL)

### BUFFING/POLISHING

1500-2000 RPM ELECTRIC HIGH SPEED MACHINE  
BUFFING/POLISHING PADS  
HOG’S HAIR (GORILLA/GORILLA LIGHT)  
WHITE  
SPRAY BUFF CHEMICAL