

# 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)
- **Xlerate™**
- **Blue Concentrate SC**
- **G2 Green Finish**

### STRIP

#### 1 PREPARE STRIPPER SOLUTION

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

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

5-Gallon Mop Bucket



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1 Quart **Xlerate™**



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Cold Water



44-Gallon Brute Barrel



FILL LEVEL

=

2 Gallons **Xlerate™**



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 **Xlerate™** 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



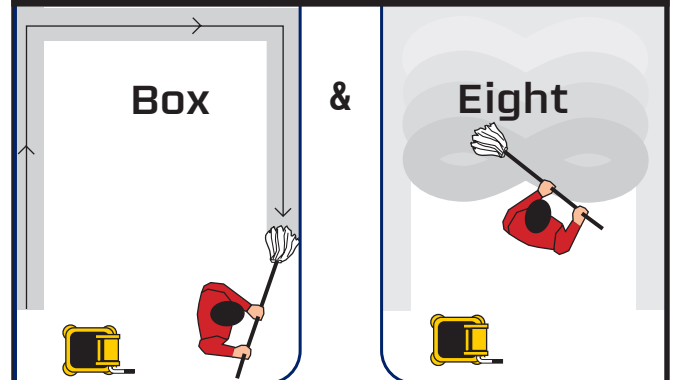
Rinse floor with **Blue Concentrate SC** diluted to 1 oz. per gallon with mop and vacuum or auto scrubber.

**Pro Tip: DO NOT** rinse floor with water alone. Use **Blue Concentrate SC** 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 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 **G2 Green Finish** 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 FORCE CURE



**PRO TIP:** When last coat of finish has dried and passes the "paper test," buff the floor using a burnisher fitted with an UHS pad to "force cure" the floor and maximize the gloss.