



FLOOR CARE



Orbital Floor Stripping

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Orbital floor stripping is a dry, chemical-free process that allows for the even removal of floor finish across the entire cleaning path. The rectangular scrub head fits in corners and tight spaces. Properly carried out, this process is exceptionally safe and dramatically reduces labor.

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



261536
36" Dust Mop Complete



225420
Rectangular Maroon Strip Pad



TE9010674
Rectangular Red Backer Pad



2689233
Wet Floor Sign



268807
Putty Knife

If using a orbital floor machine you will also need:



TE1071993
F14 Orbital Scrubber



210635
Cotton Wet Mop



2629581
Fiberglass Mop Handle



23570932
Bucket/Wringer Combo



PT107303
Pro 10 Backpack Vacuum

If using a orbital automatic scrubber you will also need:



TE-T300-ORBECH
T300 Orbital Scrubber



2254120
Red Buffing Rectangular Pad

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

Let's get started...



Orbital floor stripping does not require any personal protective equipment. Posting caution signs around the work area is optional.

Prepare the floor...



A

Remove furniture and fixtures, then dust mop the floor.

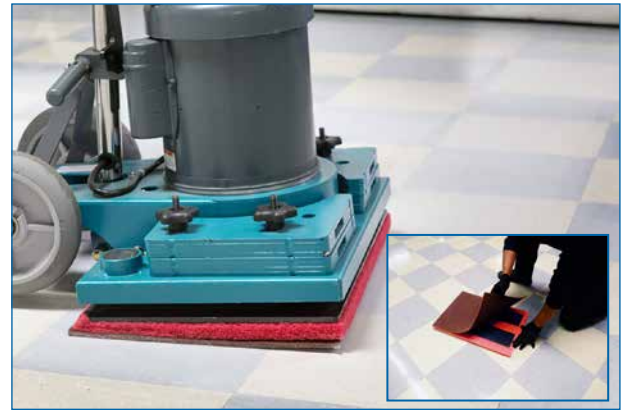


B

Use a scraper to remove any gum or sticky debris from the floor surface. Be careful to avoid gouging the floor.



Using an orbital floor machine:



1

Tilt the machine backwards. Attach the maroon prep pad to the Velcro side of the red backer pad and then attach the backer pad to the bottom of the machine. Gently lower the machine.



2

Adjust the handle to a comfortable position, it can be upright or waist height depending on operator preference.



3

If your machine includes a safety switch, press the switch and squeeze the handle. If the machine contains onboard dust control, turn on the vacuum.



4

Run the machine in straight lines using the push-pull method. Repeat as needed to completely remove the floor finish.

TIP: The maroon prep pad should be flipped after about 1000 sq. ft. or when it is no longer effective. After using both sides of the pad, replace it with a new pad.



5

If the machine does not contain onboard dust control, thoroughly vacuum the residue and all dust with a backpack or upright vacuum.



6

Rinse the area with a mop and clean water to be certain that all the residue has been removed.



7

Allow the floor to dry completely before applying floor finish. Applying finish to an improperly rinsed or wet floor will result in poor finish adhesion and appearance.

The floor is now stripped and ready for finish

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Using an orbital automatic scrubber:



1

Attach the maroon prep pad to the Velcro side of the red backer pad and then attach the backer pad to the bottom of the machine.



2

Fill the scrubber with cold water and wet an area of the floor the size of the pad to prevent initial dusting.



3

Adjust the solution control to the lowest setting.



4

Lower the pad onto the pre-moistened area of the floor. Turn on the vacuum and lower the squeegee, then begin scrubbing.



5

Operate at a slow pace to effectively remove the most amount of floor finish. Scrub the area and repeat as needed to remove any additional floor finish.

Tip: The maroon prep pad should be flipped after about 1000 sq. ft. or when it is no longer effective. After using both sides of the pad, replace it with a new pad.



6

Switch to a red pad and scrub the area with clean water to be certain that all the residue has been removed.



7

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