

# **GUIDE: Timber Floor Stripping**

## **PURPOSE:**

To remove old discoloured floor polish and embedded soil from the floor before applying new floor finish. To rejuvenate old floors.

# **PRODUCT TO USE:**

Peerless All Purpose Stripping Emulsion Chemical is not Hazardous. See MSDS.

# PROCEDURE



## 1. PREPARE EQUIPMENT

Half fill mop buckets with water. Measure 1 Part to 4 parts Water (Stronger solutions may be necessary on heavy polish buildup) and add the floor stripping concentrate to one of the two buckets. Transport the equipment to the worksite.

#### 2. PREPARE AREA

Set up 'Wet Floor' signs. Select an area of about 10 square metres. Place mats at exit points so that wet shoes can be wiped off instead of tracking stripper solution into other areas.

## 3. DUST MOP FLOOR

## 4. APPLY STRIPPING SOLUTION

Generously spread the floor stripping solution over area with one of the mops. Allow the solution to work on the floor for the recommended time (usually at least 5minutes). Do not allow the stripper to dry.



## 5. MACHINE SCRUB

Place the floor stripping pad under the floor machine or use the stripping brush. Scrub length wise along skirting boards. Then strip side to side over the remaining area. Use the hand scrub pad to detail strip along the edges and in the corners of the room. Heel the floor machine on badly soiled spots.

Avoid splashing stripper on walls. Take care!

Wet floors are a slip hazard, wear appropriate footwear and wipe feet before walking on other floor areas. Work in a controlled area to avoid walking on the wet area.

## 6. PICK UP DIRTY SOLUTION

Use a wet pick-up vacuum to remove stripper solution from the floor. Do not allow the dirty solution to dry on the floor.

#### 7. RINSE AND DRY FLOOR

Use a clean mop and clean water. Cover area liberally with rinse water. Pick up the rinse water with the wet pick-up vacuum. Wipe all skirting boards before they dry.

#### 8. FINAL RINSE

Damp mop the floor with clear water for the final rinse and to insure that all stripper solution has been removed.



9. CLEAN UP

Immediately clean up equipment at the conclusion of the procedure. Wash buckets and wringers thoroughly rinse and allow to dry. Thoroughly wash mops, and hang to dry away from walls. All other equipment is either washed or wiped down and stored in the proper location. Note: Peerless manufacture several formulations of Stripping Emulsion but irrespective of the product the above procedure will not vary

Always ensure that all safety requirements are in place before commencing work and where required all personal safety equipment is available and worn by cleaning technicians.



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