

What to do after your floor has been stripped and waxed?

There are four basic steps involved in floor waxing:

1-Stripping: The first step to removed wax from floors, stripping consists in using a chemical that temporarily breaks down the bond between the wax molecules without damaging the floor surface.

During the stripping process, a slow speed machine and a pad are used to scrape the wax from the floor while a commercial vacuum is used to sucks the removed wax.

2-Washing: After the wax has been scrapped and vacuumed, there are still wax residues that need to removed by thoroughly waxing the floor.

Waxing is also a process used to correct pH levels in preparation to receive a sealer and its subsequent wax coats.

3- Sealing: Sealers have similar chemical structures as wax, except that sealers have bigger molecules. Sealers also help identifying problems areas that were missing during the waxing process.

4- Waxing: Basically, waxing is liquid plastic that hardens over a hard surface. The right amount of coating is necessary for optimal results, which is dependent on the amount of solid content per coating. If not enough coats are applied, the wax and the floor will be damaged quickly.

Without the proper waxing coats restoration is not possible.

On the other hand, if there are too many coats, the floor may become dull.

How long should my waxed floor last?

There are some important factors that influence the floor and waxing lifespan. Here are some of the most important you should know about:

1- Quality of Wax: Often overlook, wax quality depends on the amount of solid content, which is the remaining residues left as part of the coating once its components have dried and cured. Waxes containing 25% of solids waxes require 4 coats for a 100% solid wax.

2- Number of Wax Coatings: A 25% solid compound would require 4 coats for a 100% solids wax for optimal durability, shine and floor protection. Most business owners are unaware of the difference between waxes and their solid contents. While a professional company ought to explain the different types of wax.

3- Amount of Traffic: The most difficult part is estimating the amount of traffic you will get through your building's floor. Instead, you should prevent debris from entering your facility that will scratch and eventually damage your floor wax by adding good matting system.

4- Maintenance Program: Among steps to increase the life of you floor is your maintenance program. The preventive maintenance starts with just after the new wax has been applied as cleaning is performed using a pH neutral cleaner that matches your wax. In order to maintain the malleable polymer property of the wax, cold water temperature used should be used to clean your floors. A preventive maintenance is by far the most important step that increases the life cycle of your floor.