

- **Application of Floor Finish Tips**

The correct application of floor finish is very important. Incorrectly applied product requires more cleaning, show streaks, and can develop haze and powder. Do it right the first time!

A sound rule to follow to ensure a successful floor maintenance program with Minimal labor is to establish a sound base of floor finish. The more finish coats applied will give longer wear life. We suggest the industry standard of 5 to 7 coats. Time may not allow this in certain cases, but remember, the fewer the coats, the shorter the useful finish life.

Proper Finish Application

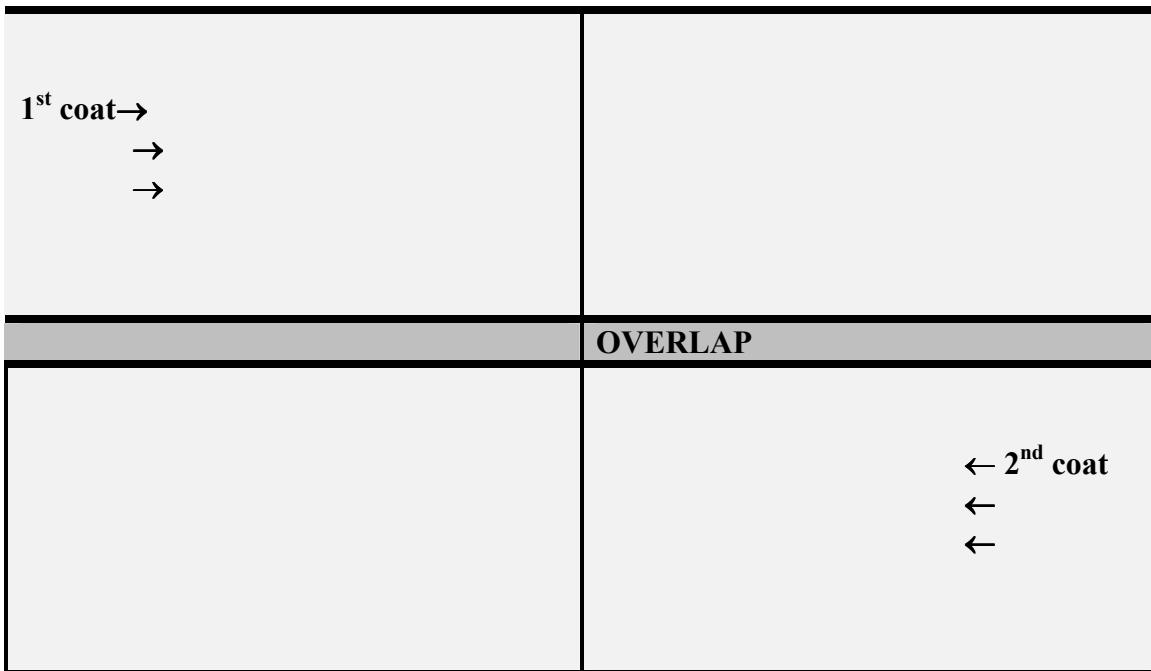
- Apply finish to clean, dry floors only.
- Start with a clean mop and clean pail. Use a new trash liner in your bucket to prevent contamination of the finish.
- Pour only enough finish into pail to cover the mop head when dipped. This will prevent finish dripping onto the floor from the mop handle.
- Dip the mop head into the finish and lift it to the wringer. Push and twist the mop firmly down into the wringer ensuring that no finish drips from the mop head when removed.
- Start applying finish by outlining the area. Use a figure 8 motion, fill in the area that has been outlined, move deliberately for total coverage, missed spots will show on the final job. Apply only the first and last coats of finish to the edges, all other coats should end 4" to 6" away from the wall.

Note: A floor finish applicator will improve the productivity of a refinishing operation.

II. Application Suggestions

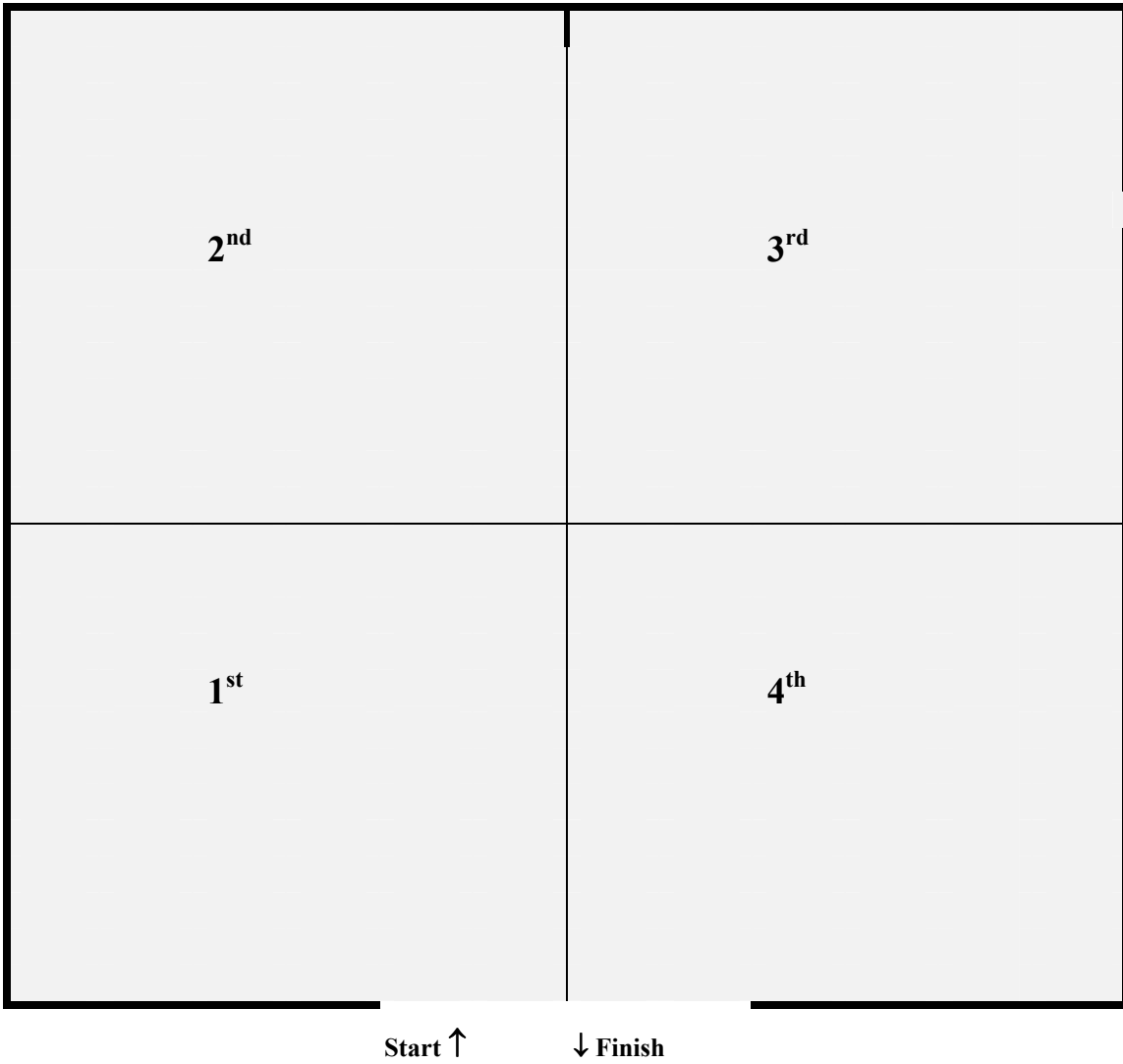
- Corridors

When it is not practical to stop foot traffic in an aisle or corridor, the solution is to divide the areas in half on the length. Floor finish can be applied to one side (half), allowed time to dry (15 to 30 minutes), and then apply to the other side, overlapping the first coat in the center area.



- Rooms

As with corridors, by using a continuous pattern application we reduce waiting time. The first area applied (see diagram below) will be dry and reachable as the fourth area applied completes drying. Simply split the entrance area in to quarters and move from Area 1 through Area 4.



III. Application Cautions

- Put up wet floor signs where required.
- Always make sure the floor has been rinsed and is neutralized before finish application.
- Always be sure your bucket is clean, use a trash liner in your bucket to be sure.
- When applying an additional coat of finish, do not apply until prior coat is completely dry.
- If when a coat is being applied there is drag on the mop, stop applying, as this means that the previous coat is not yet dry and will pull and mark the floor if you proceed.
- When lifting a finish mop off the floor, use a seeping motion to prevent bubbles. Never use a new cotton mop (launder the mop first) to apply finish as it will bleed cotton oil into your finish and ruin the floor. For best results use a rayon mop.
- When using a floor fan, it is very important to keep the fan back at least 10 to 15 feet from the edge of the wet finish edge, and to prop the fan off the floor at least 1 to 2 inches. This will give the same benefit of speed drying the floor without waving or rippling the floor. Also be sure to keep the fan off of the ceiling.
- Do not return unused finish in your pail back to its container. Discard it to avoid contamination.
- Do not save finish overnight in a pail for use the next day , as it will skin at the top and ruin the next area applied.
- Do not apply finish in cold temperatures as it will powder or peel.
- Do not apply more than 2 to 3 coats in a 24 hour period. After 24 hours of cure time repeat coating.
- Do not burnish fresh finish for at least 48 hours after the last coat was put down.
- Do not burnish between coats of finish unless the last coat down is 48 hours old and is washed first.