

# FLOOR STRIPPING

## Tools Needed

- Wet Floor Signs
- 2 Mop Buckets & Wringers
- Clean “Slop” Mop (to apply stripper)
- Clean Cotton Mop (for rinse step)
- 175–300 RPM Rotary Floor Machine
- Black Stripping Pads (‘High Pro’ or similar stripping pad recommended)
- Wet Vacuum
- Squeegee
- Doodlebug



## Product Needed

### P&G Pro Line Floor Finish Stripper



**FREQUENCY:** Yearly or as needed when deep scrub & recoat operations do not yield acceptable floor appearance. Floors should be stripped when they show heavy traffic lane wear, heavy soiling, heavy build-up along edges, yellowing, deep scratches or finish damage.

**PREPARATION:** Collect all tools, equipment and products required. Ensure all equipment is operational. Review MSDS, product labels and caution statements. Choose appropriate safety equipment.

**SPECIAL DIRECTIONS FOR THIS TASK:** When finished stripping, return equipment to storage area and clean. Remove wet floor sign only when surface is thoroughly dry.



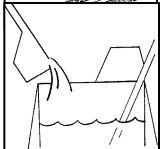
### STEP 1

- Put out wet floor sign(s) in area to be mopped.



### STEP 2

- Dust mop or sweep area to remove loose soil & debris (see also the *Dust Mop Procedure*).

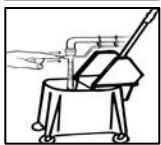


### STEP 3

- To mix stripper, use room temperature water (not hot water), and dilute accordingly:
  - For normal & heavy finish stripping, dilute at 1 part stripper to 8 parts water (1:8, or 1 gallon of stripper to 8 gallons of water, or ½ gallon of stripper to 4 gallons of water).
  - For light build-up, stripper can be diluted at a 1:10 concentration.

**NOTE:** Mixing stripper more concentrated will not improve stripper performance. If you see stripper separating or pooling on

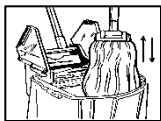
the floor, it is an indication that it is mixed too concentrated, and needs more water added.



- Fill second mop bucket with clear water for rinsing the floor (after wet vac pick-up).

### STEP 4

- Submerge “slop” mop in stripper solution.
- Apply stripper solution liberally to 15 ft. by 15 ft. section, **making sure all of the floor surface always remains wet.**
- Add more stripper solution to floor if needed to keep wet.



Keep Floor Wet!



### STEP 5

- Let stand for at least 10 minutes (longer for extremely heavy build-up or sealer removal), making sure solution does not dry.

**NOTE:** After spreading stripper, let stand with minimal mop contact, to avoid contaminating stripper bucket with stripped finish from slop mop.

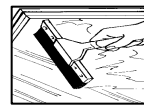


10–15 minutes



### STEP 6

- Agitate wet floor area with low speed floor machine with appropriate black stripping pad. Flip or change pads as needed, when pad becomes filled with stripped finish.
- Scrub edges and corners with doodlebug.



### STEP 7

- Squeegee solution away from edges and corners for easier pick-up with wet vac.
- Pick-up all solution with wet vacuum. Be sure to vacuum along baseboard & shelf edges, to prevent ‘roll back’ of stripper onto floor.
- Rinse mop floor area with clean rinse water

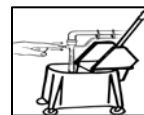


**immediately** after vacuum pick-up.  
**NOTE:** Avoid splashing baseboards with stripper. If splashed, wipe baseboard clean immediately.



### STEP 8

- Move to next 15 ft. by 15 ft. section and repeat Step 4 through Step 7, until entire area is completely stripped.
- Inspect floor surface to ensure complete finish removal.
- Spot strip & rinse to remove stripper from shiny spots, if needed.



### STEP 9

- As a final step, a final clear water rinse is required to remove any stripper residue before applying finish.
- Optional: For a more thorough rinse of floor:
- Apply water liberally to surface.
  - Pick up solution with wet vacuum.



### STEP 10

- Empty wet vac & stripper bucket, and rinse thoroughly with clean water.

