

How to:



Floor Finish Problems Streaks/Slippery Floors

Problem - Streaks in Floor Finish

Most Likely Cause	Solution
Floor finish or seal not thoroughly dry before applying additional coats.	Strip, rinse, and reapply - Do not recoat if mop drags
Contaminated mops or pails used to apply finish (i.e.: dirty strip not used). Not scrubbing or buffing enough	Strip, rinse, and reapply floor finish using clean equipment. Verify areas are correctly classified as main or secondary traffic area. Follow recommended procedures
Floor finish frozen or stored in extreme heat.	Replace damaged product. Strip, rinse, and reapply new finish
Floor finish applied over factory finish on new tile.	Strip, rinse, and reapply finish.
Contaminated finish put back in original container.	Do not use left over finish, dispose of contaminated finish, strip, rinse, and reapply new finish.
Improperly rinsed floor before coating.	Rinse floor after scrubbing or stripping before floor finish is applied.
Dirty mop or equipment used when applying finish.	Insure equipment is clean before attempting to apply finish
Floor not thoroughly scrubbed and rinsed before applying finish.	Scrub and rinse floor thoroughly before applying finish.
Hardeners surfacing in floor (Terrazzo and Concrete) preventing adhesion.	If finish does not adhere, seal floor before applying floor finish.
Cotton mop heads that have not been soaked prior to initial use.	Soak new cotton mop heads prior to first use for mopping or applying finishes. Rayon or finish mops are recommended for finish application.

Problem - Floors Seem Slippery

Most Likely Cause	Solution
Silicone based products (furniture polishes, glass cleaners) getting on floor due to aerosol overspray or accidental spills.	If silicone based products are used near aisles, apply to rag prior to use to reduce the chance of overspray hitting the floor. Scrub floor thoroughly to remove: If floor is still slippery after cleaning, apply a medium coat of finish over affected area.
Ice melting compounds on floor.	Clean contaminated (normally near entrances and at end of runners) floor thoroughly with clean water to remove - do not use detergents or vinegar when spot cleaning. Control the amount of ice melting chemicals used. Used approved mats and runners. Clean mats and runners occasionally with a wet-dry vac or wet extractor using plain water
Powder residue left on floor after burnishing, etc.	Dust mop floor after burnishing.
Dirty buffing pads being used.	Change or rotate pads during buffing and clean pads after each use.
Dirt and grit on floor.	Use approved mats and runners, dust mop thoroughly.
Improperly treated dust mops being used, usually oil treated.	Use Paraffin treated mops.
Finish designed for low speed buffing is being burnished	Always match the chemicals to the buffing R.P.M.
Improper detergent solution: Little or none will not permit removal of foreign substances.	Always measure the detergent and use recommended dilutions.
Use of acids (vinegar) in cleaning water: Acids will destroy the cleaning ability of detergents.	Always measure the detergent and use recommended dilutions. - Do not add vinegar.

Tip: To test finish adhesion to floor, apply one medium coat to small area and let dry (30 -40 minutes). Apply good masking tape or scotch tape to finish and pull up with a quick jerk. If finish comes off with tape you do not have good adhesion.