



FLOOR CARE PROCESS

Floor Maintenance Expertise

Discovering the right floor care systems (pads, chemicals, machines, etc.), seems to be something unique from situation to situation. Variables such as heat, humidity, traffic, care, personal likes and dislikes, etc., can cause the decision on a single system to be a tough one. However, beyond all of the factors that need to be considered, there are really only two basic things a floor pad user wants - a clean floor and a shiny floor. The Treleoni Floor Care Process represents the heart of floor maintenance: Foundation, Preservation, Maintenance, and Revitalization, the four basic steps to effective floor care. Following these four phases of floor care will ensure that a high appearance level is maintained throughout the service life of the floor finish. This is where using a correct floor pad is vital.

PHASE 1: FOUNDATION

There comes a point in the life of a floor when you can no longer dismiss the reality that it is time to strip the entire floor finish. A breakdown in the floor surface as a result of worn traffic areas, flaking or chipping, dark shadowy areas caused by "shiny dirt", staining, etc., are indications that it is time to strip the floor surface. With the use of slower machine speeds (175 to 350 RPM), appropriate stripping solutions, and a highly aggressive floor pad such as the Thick Black, Ultra High Performance or the High Performance Pad, the surface of the floor is stripped of the old finish, and new coats of sealer/finish are applied.

PHASE 2: PRESERVATION

Preservation is an attempt to keep the floor surface as clean as possible so as to avoid the accumulation of dry grit and soil that is regularly tracked in. The use of dust mops and regular vacuuming and cleaning of walk-off mats is a regular day-to-day process that ultimately helps in putting off the next phase of the Treleoni cycle for as long as possible.

PHASE 3: MAINTENANCE

The maintenance phase is, in a sense, the lifeblood of the floor care process. Typically, Treleoni Red Cleaning/Spray Buffing Pads (for machines operating between 175-350 RPM) or Ultra High Speed Burnishing Pads (for machines operating at 1000-3000 RPM), are used to remove scuff marks and clean dirt and soil captured between the nooks and crannies of the floor surface. This process may involve wet and dry cleaning techniques for the purpose of restoring the gloss or "wet-look" shine to the floor.

PHASE 4: REVITALIZATION

The final phase of the process, Revitalization involves the removal of the top one or two layers of old soiled finish, and the addition of new layers of floor coating. A light wet scrub of the top layer of the floor using a moderately aggressive pads (Range = Red to Green to Blue Scrub Pads), and appropriate cleaning solutions, prepares the floor for a new coat of gloss.

CONCLUSION

Remember, the objectives of Phases 2, 3 and 4 of the process are to avoid Phase 1 for as long as possible. Foundation involves a complete wet strip of the floor surface, which requires a substantial amount of labor and materials cost. Using the correct floor pad and following the Treleoni Floor Care Process will ultimately help in prolonging the life and appearance of that beautiful "wet-look" floor!

