

Testing and Removal Procedure for Acrylic Polish and Paste Wax

The presence of acrylic polish or paste wax on wood floors can cause uneven and unsightly appearance issues over time and needs to be removed before applying a Basic Coatings® waterbased finish. Follow the procedures outlined below for the best result in maintaining and recoating wood floors.

Procedure to Determine the Presence of an Acrylic Polish:

1. Use Basic Coatings Acrylic Test Kit to determine the presence of an acrylic polish.
2. Find several inconspicuous areas on the floor to be tested.
3. Apply a few drops of Acrylic Test Solution in each area and wait 30 seconds.
4. Wipe off the solution with a paper towel and observe any change in appearance on the floor.
5. A noticeable difference in sheen (gloss) indicates the presence of an acrylic finish and must be removed with Basic Coatings Dissolver™ Floor Polish Remover before coating.

Procedure for the Removal of Acrylic Polish:

1. Use Basic Coatings Dissolver™ Floor Polish Remover per label directions when the Acrylic Test Kit confirms the presence of an acrylic polish.
2. Add 1 part Dissolver to 5 parts cool water and apply a thin layer with a pump sprayer or Basic Coatings Dirt Dragon™ solution wand to the floor.
3. Work in small areas roughly 50 sq. ft. being careful not to over apply Dissolver. Allow Dissolver Solution to dwell no longer than 1 minute. Dissolver will begin to emulsify floor polish.
4. Scrub the area with the Dirt Dragon and vacuum the emulsified floor polish solution. Manual agitation with a non-abrasive scrubbing pad may be needed in heavy build up areas.

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5. Repeat this process in small areas until all floor polish is removed before moving to the next area.
6. Retest with Acrylic Test Kit to verify all floor polish has been removed.
7. Clean floor using the Dirt Dragon with Squeaky™ Cleaner to remove any residue before coating.

Procedure to Determine the Presence of a Paste Wax:

1. Find several inconspicuous areas on the floor to be tested.
2. Before testing, clean the area to be tested with Basic Coatings Squeaky Cleaner diluted 1 part Squeaky Cleaner with 4 parts cool water.
3. Place a few drops of mineral spirits on the cleaned areas and allow to stand 2 to 3 minutes.
4. Wipe up mineral spirits with a clean, white towel and observe any residue left on towel. A “yellow” or “brown” waxy residue indicates a paste wax is present.
5. If a paste wax is present, the floors must be sanded to bare wood before coating with a waterbased coating.

Do not use Basic Coatings waterbased coating products over paste wax.