

Problem: Discolored Floor Finish

Cause	Solution
Floor no properly rinsed after stripping.	Vacuum up as much stripper and old finish as possible. Rinse thoroughly with neutral cleaner and water at least twice. A "hot" floor can cause finish to discolor. Change rinse water often and wring mop thoroughly.
All finish not removed in stripping.	After stripping, check dry, newly stripped floor with thumbnail for residual finish. Strip again if necessary.
Finish applied with dirty mop and bucket.	Always clean mops before applying finish. Never use finish all the way to the bottom of the bucket because dirt, grit and lint settle to the bottom. Always rinse bucket when switching from one task to another. Stripper residue left over in the bucket used for finish could ruin the finish. Line bucket with plastic bag to avoid contamination.
Poor maintenance procedures.	New finish applied over finish that has not been cleaned will turn dark.
Too much finish; infrequent scrubbing.	Use restorer to bring back the shine. Follow maintenance schedule of daily cleaning and monthly scrubbing. Apply new finish to traffic areas only. Avoid low traffic areas and baseboards.
Restorer is used too often or concentration is too strong.	Follow directions for restorer dilution and usage.
Dirt, sand, and grit are ground into the floor.	Dust mop before performing any maintenance. Clean with scrubber before any buffing operations.
Rust spots develop on tile within a short time after stripping.	Fines from steel wool used on problem areas during stripping are reacting with floor finish.