

Before You Begin

LEARN FROM THE PROS

To become successful at cleaning and re-coating hardwood surfaces it is very important to become familiar with the process before attempting any wood cleaning.

IMPORTANT

Take the guess work out of Wood Cleaning by watching the Hydro-Force **Wood Care DVD**.



1 Clean Wood

CLEAN

Spray a light application of RTU **Wood Cleaner** over the entire floor. Scrub the floor using a Rotary Floor Scrubber and a Maroon Floor Pad. Place a White Buffing Pad as a cushion between the driver block and the Maroon Pad.

Remove the cleaning solution and suspended soil with the **Wood Finish Applicator** and a clean **Terry Cloth Cover**.

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Apply RTU **Wood Cleaner** to the floor and remove the remaining soil with a **Microfiber Bonnet**. Allow the floor to dry naturally (no air movement).



▲ Rotary Floor Machine

2 Apply Wood Finish

With your customer choose **Matte** or **Semi-Gloss** Finish.

CORNERS AND EDGES

Using a **Terry Cloth Cover** or other lint-free cloth, apply **Wood Finish** to edges and corners by hand.

MAIN FLOOR

Apply Hydro-Force Wood Finish to the rest of the floor in a moderate amount. Using Wood Finish Applicator and a clean Terry Cloth Cover, pour a small amount of finish onto the floor and spread it evenly, then move to another small section.

Allow the floor to dry naturally (usually 30 minutes.) Apply a second coat of **Wood Finish**. Allow floor to dry naturally.



▲ Applying Wood Finish

Other Items Needed

16" Maroon Scrubbing Pad

Cleans the floor & creates more surface area in the existing finish to promote bonding of the Wood Finish.

16" White Buffing Pad

Increases the shine of a floor after the floor has cured or has been cleaned without the maroon pad.

17.5" Microfiber Bonnet

Wood Finish Applicator Used with AX16 (Terry Cloth Cover) to clean wood floors and to apply finish.



▲ Rotary Machine

What about laminate floors?

Our experience with thousands of cleaning professionals working in both residential and commercial environments tells us that many purchasers of laminate floors find that the appearance level and finish of their laminate floor falls short of the promises made by the manufacturer. Very often, our customers are asked by these owners of laminate floors if they can do anything to restore the appearance and shine of laminate flooring. Laminate floors do lose their shine and get soiled. Often this is because of the build-up from inappropriate cleaners being used. Most of the times, once the floor is professionally cleaned the original finish can shine through again.

It has been our experience that the professional cleaning of laminate floors with the Hydro-Force Wood Cleaner, utilizing the same procedures as defined above for solid and engineered wood floors effectively improves the appearance of laminate

flooring. The cleaning procedures should NOT employ the use of a maroon floor pad. The floor can be effectively cleaned utilizing the Hydro-Force Wood Cleaner and a Microfiber bonnet.

Since the warranty requirements of most laminate floor manufactures prohibit the use of a recoating finish, professional cleaners and restorers should proceed carefully and cautiously before applying Hydro-Force Wood Care finishes to laminate flooring. It should be communicated to the home or business owner that the application of a topical coat finish by the cleaning professional could invalidate the warranty coverage for their laminate flooring. Should the floor owner decide to proceed with the recoating application, the fact that they were informed of this potential should be clearly spelled out on the invoice that they sign or other waiver form.

DIRECTIONS

If the professional cleaner is going to clean and apply Hydro-Force Wood Care Finish (matte or semi-gloss) to the laminate floor (with the floor owners approval and understanding), the procedures for cleaning and then applying wood finish would be as follows. First test these procedures on a small section in an inconspicuous area to see what the finish will look like on the floor. Once the customer has approved the appearance of the test area, you may proceed to cleaning and recoating the entire floor. If finish is to be used, use either two white floor pads under the machine or a white pad as a cushion and a hogs-hair pad on the floor while cleaning the floor. Do not use the maroon pad. The use of a white floor pad or hogs-hair pad gives the finish something to adhere to. Apply only one very thin coat of finish for laminate floors.