

## PROCEDURE FOR SEALING AND FINISHING A MARBLE FLOOR

### Tools & Materials Needed:

- Sealer
- Floor finish or high speed finish
- Seal mop and mop stick
- Mop bucket and wringer
- Wet floor signs
- Plastic liners
- Gloves and glasses

### Procedures:

A marble floor that has been thoroughly stripped, rinsed, and completely dried, is ready for two uniform thin coats of seal and two coats of finish.

### SEALING PROCEDURE FOR MARBLE:

Put plastic liner into an empty bucket and pour sealer into the lined bucket. A plastic liner will keep the sealer from becoming contaminated with any foreign matter that might be in the bucket.

Place wet floor signs at every entrance into the area being sealed.

Move the tools and materials required into the area where the floor is being sealed, put on gloves and glasses.

Dip a clean washed seal mop into the floor sealer and wring out to the point where the mop is wet, but does not drip. Start laying down a thin coat of seal in the furthest corner of the room and outline the entire area to be sealed. If the entire area cannot be outlined before the sealer dries, apply the sealer to the floor along the baseboards, covering as much of an outline as possible.

Then, using a figure eight motion, apply the sealer on the marble floor area inside the outlined area...again, starting at the farthest corner and moving back towards the entrance. To avoid puddles, overlap by using the figure eight application.

Allow the marble to dry thoroughly, then apply a second coat of sealer.

When applying the second coat of seal, stay away from the baseboard, four to six inches. This area gets little or no wear since people cannot walk that close to the baseboards.

### CONCLUSION:

When finished, wash out the mop and hang it up to dry. If there is any seal remaining in the bucket, throw it away...along with the plastic liner.

The floor is now ready for a floor finish to be applied.

### FINISHING PROCEDURE FOR MARBLE:

Allow the marble floor to dry thoroughly before applying finish.

Put a clean plastic liner into an empty mop bucket and pour finish into the lined bucket.

Keep wet floor signs posted at every entrance.

Dip a clean mop into the floor finish and wring out dry enough so the mop head does not drip.

Start laying a thin coat of the finish at the farthest corner from the entrance, next to the baseboard. Apply in a figure eight motion and in six to eight foot widths, turning the mophead often.

Using a figure eight movement, apply the finish to the floor, overlapping each stroke of the mop as you move backwards.

Allow the first coat to dry thoroughly before applying the second coat.

When applying the second coat of finish, stay four to six inches away from the baseboard. This area gets very little wear and, in this manner, you prevent baseboard build-up. Remove wet floor signs, clean the mop, discard any floor finish in the bucket, and throw away the floor finish liner. Clean and store all equipment and tools.

### CONCLUSION:

Apply a floor finish restorer, when using high speed finish. A restorer only need to be used when the floor has become dull.

Selling this type of program will help protect the marble, and at the same time, give a high luster appearance. Polished marble floors are beautiful, but only when properly maintained.