



## Let's Talk Floors

**This is a discussion about floors that have floor finish applied.**

If you have floor and you're coating it with a finish of some type than read on. Finishes have been around for a long time. The technology of the finishes like everything else has changed also. Finishes today look better and hold up longer than ever. Until high speed floor machines were introduced in the late 70's if you had a high shine on your floor people would think it's wet, therefore it must be slippery.

Today the biggest floor craze is LVT flooring. Even though manufacturers say not to, I've heard of people with 30 coats of finish on their LVT they want to remove. 30 coats? WOW!

I'm not hear to judge whether or not to use a floor finish on your floor I want to talk to those that do.

Floor finish is designed to 1) Protect the floor and 2) For appearance

On the next few pages we will look at some floors. Compare them to your own.

The floor below is a classroom that is need of HELP! The shame is and I see it all too often, the floor is stripped and looks great and as the year goes on it turns into what you see below. Every situation will be different. This floor has scuffs and scratches where the students feet touch the floor and the protection had unevenly worn showing different degrees of shine (Finish) in the room.



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What if we could take this floor and without stripping completely bring it back like below?



**Before**



**After**

I am constantly told that there are many companies that claim you can use their products without stripping and also have been told they don't work. The photo on the left shows a floor that was not stripped the photo on the right shows the same floor that looks like it was stripped but it wasn't. The floor was restored with **Zing Floor Prep. Floor Prep** is designed to remove the dirt from floor finish without removing the finish. (Check out '**How to Restore a Floor Without Stripping**' and '**Prepping in Vegas**'). Both videos on the zing website show you how two floors were restored using the **Zing Floor Prep** without stripping.



Right side shows floor needs attention. Left side shows floor restored with **Zing Floor Prep** and 1 coat of finish applied.

The Floor below shows a hallway that really needs help. The edges are dirty and there is definitely not enough finish present on the floor. There is some finish. (Shine means there is finish present).



The Floor below looks clean but needs more finish to give it depth of gloss and protection. Floor Finish is designed to protect and. To protect you need a minimum of 4 coats of finish. Floor Finish is a barrier between feet, objects moved across the floor and the floor itself. Neither of these floors have enough finish to give a good barrier of protection or shine.



If you plan on stripping your floor or want to attempt restoring the floor It's a good idea to know how many coats of finish are present. If you don't know or aren't sure **check out the Zing Video - Floor Care Technique #6 Razor Blade Test <https://youtu.be/kXWIFrOSyhQ>** If you plan on restoring I suggest you pick a small area and see how the **Zing Floor Prep** works and what you can expect. **Floor Prep** will work in 98% of situations. There are floors that absolutely need to be stripped. Once a floor is set-up properly you can maintain the floor and prevent future stripping.



Pick a small area to scrub with **Zing Floor Prep**. Dilute 8 oz. per gallon cold water. Use the center of a Hair Pad, **Americo Blue Blend Burnish Pad** or **Standard Black Strip Pad**.

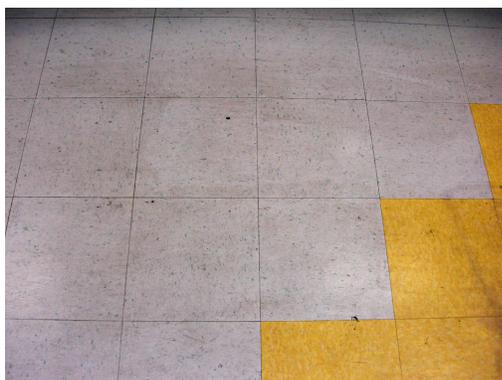


**Center of Standard Black Strip Pad**



**Floor Prep**

Even if you decide to strip your floor, you should have **Floor Prep** on hand for future situations that can absolutely be handled without stripping.



This floor has almost no finish. Floor never has to get to this point.



Some shine in background, none in foreground.

Studies show people judge some business's based on the cleanliness of the building.

Left Side Before Restoring with **Zing Floor Prep**

Right Side Restored with **Zing Floor Prep** and Finish applied (unknown number of coats)



Left Side Before Restoring with **Zing Floor Prep**. Right side Restored with Floor Prep. No Finish applied.



All these floors have been restored with **Zing Floor Prep** and Floor Finish Applied.  
Use **The Zing Floor Care System** to keep your floors looking like these!



Shine & Depth of Gloss shows floors are well protected.