

How To Choose The Right Pad For The Job

Moving left to right, select the appropriate maintenance operation, machine type and speed, then follow the color bar to the recommended 3M™ Floor Pads.

Maintenance Operation	Equipment	
	Speed	
Stripping To remove finish, sealer and contaminants from the floor surface. Done at the start of a maintenance program and at times when scrubbing will not achieve the desired results.	Rotary or Automatic	 High Productivity 7300 Most aggressive stripping pad. Unique open construction resists loading and clogging. For fast removal of finish and proven consistent stripping.
	Low Speed 175–600 RPM	
Scrubbing Done prior to replacing worn finish; provides a fresh new surface to maintain.	Rotary or Automatic	 Scotch-Brite™ Surface Prep Pad Heavy duty scrubbing for 2–4 coat removal prior to recoating.
	Low Speed 175–600 RPM	
Cleaning To remove light soil and other contaminants.	Rotary or Automatic	 TopLine Autoscrubber 5000 Scrubs and cleans without dulling the finish. Open construction resists clogging. Ideal for use on an autoscrubber.
	Low Speed 175–600 RPM	
Buffing To remove scuffs and black heel marks and enhance floor appearance.	Rotary	 Red Buffer 5100 Designed for spray buffing. Cleans when damp; buffs when dry. Use to light scrub without dulling the finish.
	Low Speed 175–600 RPM	
Burnishing To repair finish and improve gloss and image clarity of floor surface.	Electric Battery Propane	 Eraser Burnish 3600 Removes black marks and returns gloss in fewer passes than other pads while producing less dust. Ideal for harder finishes and high traffic areas. Excellent durability and minimal finish removal.
	Ultra High Speed 1500 RPM & Above	
Scuff & Mark Removal	Electric Battery Propane	 TopLine Speed Burnish 3200 Optimizes UHS burnishing on a wide variety of finishes. Combines black mark removal and gloss generation in one pad.
	Ultra High Speed 1500 RPM & Above	
Best Gloss	Electric Battery Propane	 Aqua Burnish 3100 Produces brilliant gloss. Exceptional durability and life. The soft finish problem solver.
	Ultra High Speed 1500 RPM & Above	
Soft Finish	Electric Battery Propane	 Scotch-Brite™ Sienna Diamond Floor Pad Plus Diamond coated floor pads for cleaning and conditioning worn and dull marble, terrazzo, slate, and polished concrete flooring.
	Ultra High Speed 1500 RPM & Above	
Diamond-Coated Floor Pads Use to clean and condition worn and dull stone floors.	Rotary or Automatic	 Scotch-Brite™ Purple Diamond Floor Pad Plus Diamond coated floor pads for cleaning and polishing marble, terrazzo, slate and polished concrete flooring.
	Low Speed 175–600 RPM	
Diamond-Coated Floor Pads Use to clean and polish stone floors.	Rotary or Automatic	 Scotch-Brite™ Purple Diamond Floor Pad Plus Diamond coated floor pads for cleaning and polishing marble, terrazzo, slate and polished concrete flooring.
	Low Speed 175–600 RPM	

Alternate Choices		System Procedures*
 <p>Black Stripper 7200 Standard of the industry. Consistent proven performance. Long pad life.</p>	 <p>Brown Stripper 7100 Conformable stripping pad for uneven floors. Strips prior to refinishing. Super heavy duty scrubbing for 2–4 coat removal prior to recoating.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dust mop 2. Mask off delicate surface 3. Apply properly diluted stripping solution 4. Let solution dwell 5 minutes 5. Strip with floor machine and pad 6. Pick up dirty solution 7. Detail damp mop 8. Let dry and dust mop prior to applying finish
 <p>Blue Cleaner 5300 Heavy duty scrubbing for 1–2 coat removal prior to recoating.</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dust mop 2. Apply properly diluted scrubbing solution 3. Scrub with floor machine and pad 4. Pick up dirty solution 5. Detail damp mop 6. Let dry, dust mop prior to buffing or applying finish
 <p>Red Buffer 5100 Designed for spray buffing. Cleans when damp; buffs when dry. Use to light scrub without dulling the finish.</p>	 <p>White Super Polish 4100 Spray buff or dry buff on soft finishes. Use for polishing on wood floors.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dust mop 2. Apply properly diluted cleaning solution 3. Clean with floor machine and pad 4. Pick up dirty solution 5. Let dry prior to buffing
 <p>White Super Polish 4100 Spray buff or dry buff on soft finishes. Use for polishing on wood floors.</p>		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dust mop 2. Buff only clean floors 3. Apply spray buff to floor 4. Buff to a high gloss using overlapping passes 5. Dust mop
 <p>Natural Blend Tan 3500 Blend of natural and synthetic fibers. For use on harder finishes and high traffic conditions. Removes marks and scuffs while polishing.</p>	 <p>Tan Burnish 3400 Produces brilliant gloss while removing scuffs and marks. Exceptional durability and life. For use on harder finishes and high traffic conditions.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dust mop 2. Burnish only clean floors 3. Burnish to a high gloss using overlapping passes 4. Dust mop
 <p>Natural Blend White 3300 Blend of natural and synthetic fibers. Excellent results on a wide variety of finishes and traffic conditions. Provides consistent high gloss while minimizing swirl marks.</p>		
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dust mop 2. 6–12 passes with Scotch-Brite™ Sienna Diamond Floor Pad with automatic floor machine or burnisher 3. 6–12 passes with Scotch-Brite™ Purple Diamond Floor Pad Plus with automatic floor machine or burnisher 4. Use 3M™ TopLine Autoscrubber 5000 to maintain floor appearance 5. When shine level begins to fade, use Scotch-Brite™ Purple Diamond Floor Pad Plus again

*For details, please refer to 3M™ Floor Pads Technical Bulletin (78-8134-0152-4).