

# HOW TO DEEP SCRUB FLOORS USING AN AUTOMATIC SCRUBBER OR STANDARD FLOOR MACHINE

## Purpose

To remove build-up of soil, black heel marks, or damaged floor finish from the floor, using an automatic scrubbing machine.

## Supplies and Equipment

### EQUIPMENT

- “Wet Floor Hazard” signs
- Automatic Scrubber

### CHEMICALS/WATER

- Cleaning solution (neutral cleaner)
- Fresh water

### FLOOR PADS

- **AMERICO** Scrubbing Pads:
  - a) **Green Scrub**
  - b) **Blue Cleaner**

## Procedure

1. Prepare area:
  - a) Place “Floor Hazard” signs in easy-to-see locations at entrances to area where floor is being scrubbed.
  - b) Dust mop or vacuum floor.
  - c) Move furniture. Work around heavy furniture which cannot be moved. Tilt file cabinets and put on blocks.
  - d) Set equipment in area where work will begin.

*Note:* In a room, begin scrubbing at the corner farthest from the entrance.

2. Follow instructions for using cleaning solution and fill Auto Scrubber.

*Caution: Do not use stripper or butyl cleaners as they will attack floor finish.*

3. Machine scrub the wet area using an **AMERICO Scrub Pad**. The auto scrubber will squeegee and vacuum the dirty solution.

*Note: Depending on the severity of the deterioration of the top layers of floor finish, use an Americo Blue Cleaner Pad to remove one (1) layer of damaged floor finish and use the Americo Green Scrub Pad to remove two or more layers of damaged finish.*

4. Apply floor finish.  
(1-2 coats is recommended)

*Caution: Too much finish on floor will require stripping.*

5. After the floor dries, replace the furniture.
6. Clean and dry equipment. Store equipment and supplies.
7. Hose or flush the scrub pad with hot running water. Hang scrub pad on a wall in storage area to dry.

Note: Deep scrubbing with standard floor machines:

- Repeat all steps above except use a wet/dry vacuum to pick up soiled solution.

## Accomplishment

By following this procedure the floor will be clean and free of soil and heavy dirt deposits and have a bright, glossy appearance.