



Wood Finish[®]

Directions

WARNING! Removal of old paint by sanding, scraping or other means may generate dust or fumes that contain lead. Exposure to lead dust or fumes may cause brain damage or other adverse health effects, especially in children or pregnant women. Controlling exposure to lead or other hazardous substances requires the use of proper protective equipment, such as a properly fitted respirator (NIOSH approved) and proper containment and clean up. For more information, call the National Lead Information Center at 1-800-424-LEAD (in US) or contact your local health authority.

SURFACE PREPARATION:

- Surface must be dry, clean, and free of dirt, grease, glue, and existing coatings before staining.
- Sand the wood in the direction of the grain using fine-grade sandpaper (#220) until smooth.
- Remove all sanding dust.
- To ensure uniform acceptance of stain color and beautiful results, pretreat the wood with Minwax[®] Pre-Stain Wood Conditioner following label directions.

PRODUCT PREPARATION AND COLOR TESTING:

- Stir stain thoroughly before and occasionally during use. Do not thin.
- Always test stain on an inconspicuous area of the wood to verify desired color.

STAIN APPLICATION:

- Apply stain in the direction of the grain with a brush or clean cloth.
- Allow the stain to penetrate 5-15 minutes to achieve desired color. The more time the stain is allowed to penetrate, the richer and darker the color will be.
- Remove stain that has not absorbed into the wood with a clean cloth. Wipe in the direction of the grain, while blending light and dark areas to obtain uniform color. **DO NOT ALLOW STAIN THAT HAS NOT PENETRATED INTO THE WOOD TO DRY ON THE WOOD SURFACE.**
- To darken the color, apply a second coat after 4-6 hours, repeating directions above. **DO NOT SAND BETWEEN COATS OF STAIN.**

CLEAR FINISH APPLICATION:

Allow stain to dry for a minimum of 8 hours (dry time may be extended due to high humidity, low temperatures, or inadequate ventilation). Complete your project by applying a Minwax® clear protective finish, following label directions.

- Recommended finishes include Minwax® Fast-Drying Polyurethane or Helmsman® Spar Urethane. Slight ambering may occur when these clear finishes are applied over light-colored stains. Minwax® Polycrylic® Protective Finish is also recommended, especially over light-colored stains. Polycrylic® should NOT be used over any Red Mahogany stain.
- Always spot test on an inconspicuous area to ensure satisfactory results.

APPLICATION FOR HARDWOOD FLOORS

SURFACE PREPARATION:

- Whether you have a bare wood floor or a floor that already has a finish on it, you will need to sand the floor to prepare it for staining and finishing. Rent or purchase a floor sander and follow the sander manufacturer's directions to sand the surface down to bare wood, ending with 100 grit sandpaper or equivalent.
- Remove all sanding dust. Stir stain thoroughly before and occasionally during use. Do not thin. Test stain on an inconspicuous area of the wood to verify desired color.

STAIN APPLICATION:

- Apply the stain to the floor using a clean cloth, following the direction of the grain. Work in small sections, approximately three-foot wide, running the entire length of the floor.

- Allow the stain to penetrate for up to 5 minutes, then wipe off any stain that has not absorbed into the wood, using a clean cloth. The more time the stain is allowed to penetrate, the richer and darker the color will be. **DO NOT ALLOW STAIN THAT HAS NOT PENETRATED INTO THE WOOD TO DRY ON THE WOOD SURFACE.**
- To darken the color, apply a second coat after 4-6 hours, repeating directions above. **DO NOT SAND BETWEEN COATS OF STAIN.**

CLEAR FINISH APPLICATION:

Allow stain to dry for a minimum of 8 hours (dry time may be extended due to high humidity, low temperatures, or inadequate ventilation). Complete your project by applying a Minwax® clear protective finish such as Minwax® Super Fast-Drying Polyurethane for Floors, Minwax® Ultimate Floor Finish , or Minwax® Fast-Drying Polyurethane , following label directions.

- For light-colored stained hardwood floors, Minwax® Ultimate Floor Finish is recommended.
- Always spot test on an inconspicuous area or scrap piece of hardwood flooring to ensure satisfactory results.

DANGER: Rags, steel wool, other waste soaked with this product, and sanding residue may spontaneously catch fire if improperly discarded. Immediately place rags, steel wool, other waste soaked with this product, and sanding residue in a sealed, water-filled, metal container. Dispose of in accordance with local fire regulations.

COVERAGE: Approximately 150 square feet per quart.

CLEANUP: Use mineral spirits or paint thinner following manufacturer's safety instructions.

DANGER! HARMFUL OR FATAL IF SWALLOWED. COMBUSTIBLE! VAPOR HARMFUL, IRRITATES EYES, SKIN AND RESPIRATORY TRACT.

CAUTIONS: CONTAINS ALIPHATIC HYDROCARBONS Contents are **COMBUSTIBLE**. Keep away from heat and open flame. **VAPOR HARMFUL**. Use only with adequate ventilation. To avoid overexposure, open windows and doors or use other means to ensure fresh air entry during application and drying. If you experience eye watering, headaches, or dizziness, increase fresh air, or wear respiratory protection (NIOSH approved) or leave the area. Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wash hands after using. Keep container closed when not in use. Do not transfer contents to other containers for storage. **FIRST AID:** In case of eye contact, flush thoroughly with large amounts of water for 15 minutes and get medical attention. For skin contact, wash thoroughly with soap and water. In case of respiratory difficulty, provide fresh air and call physician. If swallowed, call Poison Control Center, hospital emergency room, or physician immediately.

DELAYED EFFECTS FROM LONG-TERM OVEREXPOSURE. Contains solvents which can cause permanent brain and nervous system damage. Intentional misuse by deliberately concentrating and inhaling the contents can be harmful or fatal. **WARNING:** This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. **DO NOT TAKE INTERNALLY. KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN. CONFORMS TO ASTM D-4236.** Contact a physician for more health information.