

BASE BOARD CLEANING

1. Assemble all equipment, chemicals and custodial hardware prior to beginning procedures. Read safety instruction on MSDSs and chemical product labels and comply as directed.
2. Move all moveable objects from area(s) to be cleaned.
3. Dust Mop or sweep baseboards to remove loose soil. Use scrapper to remove gum, etc. Dispose of litter.
4. Place Wet Floor Signs at access area(s) to foot traffic.
5. Pre-test solutions on baseboards in an inconspicuous place to ensure that it does not harm or make the baseboards bleed their colour.
6. Mix ES85 or ES90 Stripper with warm water in a clean bucket with wringer at predetermined dilution from pre-test.
7. Apply solution to baseboards and 6" of adjacent floor area(s) using trigger sprayer or other suitable applicator. As an alternate, immerse cloths in stripping solution and lay cloths against baseboards and adjacent floor area(s). Keep cloths moist by spraying as required with additional solution from suitable sprayer.
8. Allow sufficient dwell time, 3 to 5 minutes, to emulsify build up and then abrade baseboards and floor with coarse Doodle Bug pad, an abrasive edging brush, or #3 or #4 steel wool pads. These pads fit tighter into the cove base and cut the finish better.
9. Pick up stripping solution with a clean, dedicated, stripper mop or wipe clean with absorbent cloths.
10. Fill clean bucket with wringer with clean cold rinse water.
11. Damp mop/rinse baseboards and adjacent floor area(s) with a clean, dedicated, rinse mop.

NOTE: To determine the proper dilution required to strip baseboards, pre-mix ES85 or ES90 at 1:8 and 1:4 using container cap for measuring (e.g. one capful of 'stripper' to 8 capfuls of water). Apply the two dilutions to base board with suitable applicator, allow 3 to 5 minutes contact time and abrade with coarse Doodle Bug pad, or #3 or #4 steel wool pad. Wipe solutions from baseboards and examine. If floor finish/seal has been successfully stripped, use the successful dilution established. If the floor finish/seal has not been completely stripped, increase dilutions and re-test new areas. Once the proper dilution has been established, proceed using proper dilution.