

# What is Top Guard®

TOP GUARD® is a patented product whose origin was in the cosmetic/pharmaceutical industry. There were no pre-conceived ideas during its development as to how it should work or what it should look like. As a result, a product evolved and was put to use by the largest cleaning contractor in the world at a local university. They used this product called Top Guard® on resilient tile, terrazzo, and marble floors. During five years of testing, not one floor under TOP GUARD'S® care ever needed stripping. Pad usage was down, floor finish and spray buffing were virtually eliminated and labor savings kept piling up! Another regional contractor also helped in the development of TOP GUARD® and as a result increased their sales from three to ten million dollars.

## How Top Guard® Is Used

For best results, TOP GUARD® should be damp mopped on after thoroughly stripping the floor with Base Strip™ and after recoating with 2-3 coats of Base Shield™. Or TOP GUARD® can be applied directly over your current floor finish or acrylic sealer. Its use hardens the underlying polish resulting in a more durable, cleaner, brighter and safer floor. The use of TOP GUARD® eliminates all other floor care products. There is no need for all-purpose cleaners, de-greasers or strippers... ever! You will no longer need spray buffs or burnishing agents. Only two buffing pads are used for burnishing with any ultra high speed machine.

## Directions

After a wait of one night (24 hours) following the initial application of Base Shield™ or your favorite floor finish, apply TOP GUARD® by damp mopping at a dilution rate of 3 ounces per gallon. Allow to dry and then buff with a 3M Top Line Pad or equivalent and any ultra high speed machine (1500 RPM or higher). On the Second and Third night follow the same procedures.

Beginning on the Fourth night dilute TOP GUARD® 2 ounces to a gallon (never more) and switch to a 3M Aqua Pad or equivalent for burnishing. Floors should now have that mirror gloss and should show excellent slip resistance. Maximum gloss will be achieved at the one week mark and your floor should stay this way given regular TOP GUARD® maintenance. **YOU SHOULD NEVER NEED TO STRIP AGAIN.**

## Spray Buffing

Need a quick fix to a worn or badly scratched area? Simply mix 2-3 ounces in a spray bottle and burnish away your problems.

## Interim Maintenance Light

Should floors become worn or dirty due to abnormal conditions or neglect, simply mix 4-6 ounces of TOP GUARD® to a gallon of warm water and soft scrub with a 3M Aqua Pad. Pick up and begin burnishing again as before with 2 ounces of TOP GUARD® per gallon.

## Interim Maintenance Heavy

If after maintaining with TOP GUARD®, the condition of the floor drops due to abnormal traffic, dirt, inclement weather, construction, etc., as above, mix 4-6 ounces of TOP GUARD® to a gallon of warm water and soft scrub with a 3M Aqua Pad. In this instance, pick up and rinse. When the floor is dry, Re-Base™ worn areas only with a coat of Base Shield™ or your favorite finish. Wait 24 hours and begin again with the 3 ounces of TOP GUARD® and the Top Line® pad for 3 nights switching again, after the third buffing, to 2 ounces and the Aqua Pad. After the third application and subsequent buffing, no streak lines or patch marks should show from the Base Shield™ or your finish, making your repair to the floor invisible.

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In describing Top Guard's maintenance, we use the phrase Night 1, Night 2, Night 3, etc. The use of TOP GUARD® is intended to assist you in reducing labor and materials. If you burnish only once a week, then use TOP GUARD® that one time. If you burnish two or three times a week, then use TOP GUARD® for those two or three. You will find that your floors will last longer and look better and will eventually require less maintenance.

## ABBREVIATED DIRECTIONS

### NIGHT ONE

3 oz & a 3M Top Line Pad.

### NIGHT TWO

3 oz & a 3M Top Line Pad.

### NIGHT THREE

3 oz & a 3M Top Line Pad.

### NIGHT FOUR AND THERE-AFTER

2 oz & a 3M Aqua Pad.

### NIGHTLY CLEANING

#### AUTOMATIC SCRUBBER:

1/4-1/2 oz per gallon.

Lightly scrub with old pads and pick up. Apply TOP GUARD® and burnish.

#### MANUAL:

1/4-1/2 oz per gallon.

Damp mop using two buckets.

One with the TOP GUARD® solution and another with cold water.

Clean the mop as it comes off the floor in the cold water. Wring well then re-wet with TOP GUARD® solution, apply and burnish.

### INTERIM MAINTENANCE LIGHT

#### SOFT SCRUB:

4-6 oz & a 3M Aqua Pad.

Lightly scrub worn areas.

Pick up - no rinse.

Return again to 2 oz & a 3M Aqua Pad.

### INTERIM MAINTENANCE HEAVY

#### SOFT SCRUB & RE-BASE™:

4 - 6 oz & a 3M Aqua Pad.

Lightly scrub worn areas.

Pick up residue.

Rinse.

Re-Base™ worn areas only.

Wait 24 hours.

Return to Night 1, 2, 3 methods.