

NeverStrip
FLOOR COATINGS

Stripping
Instructions

Dorado 3032

NeverStrip Dorado 3032 (Water-Based Urethane) Stripping Instructions

These instructions are meant for NeverStrip Gloss, Satin, Matte and Color and many other water-based Urethane floor coatings.

Please note, stripping the NeverStrip coatings or any water-based urethane coating should be viewed as a last resort and other approaches should be evaluated and considered before stripping.

Required Materials

- Dorado 3032 stripper (“stripper”) sold by NeverStrip, comes in one and five gallon containers).
- Long handle scraper (4 ft length) with a sharp but not overly sharp blade three to six inches long.
- 80 grit, 120-grit and 150-grit screens or black, blue, green or red pad depending on flooring type;
- Use a less abrasive screen/pad such as a red or green pad for more sensitive resilient flooring such as sheet vinyl or deep color VCT; while a screen or black pad can be used on most VCT, terrazzo, concrete, luxury vinyl.
- Squeegee
- Portable or truck mounted rinse and reclaim (preferred).
- Wet vac or auto scrubber (not needed with rinse and reclaim).
- Mop and mop bucket
- Source of water
- All purpose roller with frame and pole.
- A 175-rpm rotary floor machine.
- Electric mixing drill or mixing sticks (use electric drill for five-gallon containers of stripper and mixing sticks for one-gallon).
- Tape and appropriate materials to protect painted surfaces (plastic sheeting, cardboard, etc.).
- Rubber gloves
- 3/8” woven nap roller
- Palm sander, sandpaper or sanding screen cut for the palm sander.

Process

- 1** Remove all other floor finishes or wax, if any.
- 2** Stir stripper well with electric drill.
- 3** Cover any painted surfaces, which may come in contact with the stripper with one or two strips of thick duct tape, cardboard or plastic to avoid contact with the stripper (if you apply on top of a painted surface then remove the tape immediately so the stripper does not saturate the tape).
- 4** Apply tape to baseboards, even if they are vinyl, to reduce cleanup at the end.
- 5** Apply stripper using 3/8" nap paint roller at 150 sq ft per gallon. Application with an airless sprayer is preferred. Cover the floor evenly going one direction and then re-roll the stripper on the floor at a ninety-degree angle to ensure an even coverage (please note, the floor must be totally dry before and while applying the stripper).
- 6** Allow the stripper to reside on the floor for a minimum of 1-hour and then begin to test how the coating is removed with long-handled scraper.
- 7** If the coating is easily removed with the scraper then begin to remove the coating across the floor using a long-handle scraper on floors such as terrazzo, concrete, VCT, luxury vinyl but use a floor machine with a green or blue pad on more resilient flooring such as sheet vinyl (do not use a scraper on softer floors for fear of cutting the flooring). One may also find it helpful to use a weighted floor machine with a stiff nylon brush to remove the coating after scraping or as an alternative to scraping.
- 8** Preferred alternative to a scraper is to use a high quality rinse and reclaim system.
- 9** If more time is needed for the stripper, then let it reside longer.
- 10** Multiple applications of stripper may be needed, especially if there are multiple coats of urethane on the floor.
- 11** Pick up NeverStrip coating residue and stripper with either a shovel or a wet vac or auto scrubber or rinse and reclaim system.
- 12** Wet screen the entire floor surface with a rotary machine using an appropriate abrasive pad or screen for the flooring type. Adding weight to the machine is helpful. A 140-pound machine will do a better job than a 90-pound machine. The type of pad or screen to use is a function of the type of flooring.

For example, a 100-grit screen for terrazzo or concrete or black pad, 120 or 150-mesh screens on light colored VCT and a green or red pad on sheet vinyl or deep colored VCT. Go slow and be careful with deeper colored flooring including VCT to avoid color bleeding.

- 13** If the coating remnants have not all been removed, then repeat the process and if needed add weight to the rotary machine during wet screening process.
- 14** If needed in small areas, corners and hard to reach spots, a doodlebug or palm sander can be used with an appropriate grit sandpaper or sanding screen to remove remnants of the coating. Keep the floor damp during the entire sanding process. Leave the stripper on the floor longer in this hard to reach areas.
- 15** Wet vac or auto-scrub the floor.
- 16** Elements of this process often need to be repeated if multiple coats of NeverStrip Coatings are on the floor.
- 17** Do not try to strip NeverStrip Coatings from a linoleum floor such as Forbo's Marmoleum since the stripper's high alkalinity will discolor the floor or from a laminate floor because the flooring wear layer is too thin.



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