Scotch-Brite™ Clean and Shine Pad Frequently Asked Questions

Product Description

The Scotch-Brite™ Clean & Shine Pad is a low-speed scrubber pad for daily cleaning and dustless polishing.

- Cleans and shines in the same step, using only a low-speed scrubber.
- Increases shine with repeated use and may result in reduction or elimination of burnishing.
- Designed with contrasting color to provide visible wear indication.
- Usable on both sides with the same proprietary coating.

Use Instructions:

Dust mop entire floor prior to cleaning. Install appropriate sized Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine pad(s) on cleaning equipment. If using a rotary auto scrubber, a center hub attachment is required. Fill the scrubber tank with water or properly diluted cleaning solution and then clean floor surfaces.

Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine pads may be rinsed with water to remove soil or debris as needed. Pads may be used on both sides until the coating has been completely worn away to reveal the yellow interior.

Suitable for use on most coated or uncoated flooring including vinyl, sheet vinyl, LVT, VCT, rubber, ceramic tile, marble, terrazzo, granite and concrete. For best results use Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine as your routine cleaning pad.

What is the construction of Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine?

Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine pads are made of nonwoven polyester fibers bound by a resin system and coated on both sides with proprietary fine abrasive particles.

Why does the coating appear to be thinner on the outside edges of the pad?

The coating is purposely applied this way to provide optimum results on the floor and result in an even, consistent shine.

Can I use Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine pads on high speed burnishing equipment?

No. Pads are recommended for use only on low speed rotary or auto scrubber equipment under wet conditions at 150-600 RPM. Use on high speed burnishing equipment 1500+ RPM is not recommended.

Will Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine pads reduce my need to burnish?

Reduction in burnishing will vary with frequency of use, traffic levels, equipment, coating or substrate and desired results. Many users have experienced an elimination or reduction in burnishing with consistent use of Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine over time.

Quick Links

Resource Library Safety Data Sheets (SDS) Video Library

Some of these links lead to web-based resources that are not product-specific.

How much will Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine pads increase the shine on my floor?

Shine increase will vary with frequency of use, traffic levels, equipment, coating or substrate and initial level of shine. In extreme traffic environments, Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine can slow the deterioration in shine while in lower traffic areas the shine will increase from a low starting value.

I just started using Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine, why don't I see a difference in shine on my floor?

While some customers may see an immediate increase in shine, it is not uncommon for results to develop more slowly. With repeated use over time, Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine should provide a noticeable improvement in shine.

I have been using Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine daily for an extended time, why don't I see an increase in shine on my floor?

If you have not yet noticed an increase in shine it is likely due to high traffic levels. In this case it is likely that Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine has slowed the rate of deterioration in shine allowing reduction in additional maintenance.

Can I use Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine on scrubbing equipment without center hub attachment?

Hub attachment is highly recommended on auto scrubbing equipment to ensure ease of use and installation. Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine is also suitable for use on rotary (swing) machines which do not have center attachment. Auto scrubbing equipment with prongs in place of hub attachment may need modification if the prongs cannot penetrate the surface coating to prevent the pad from spinning out from under the machine during use.

Can I use Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine for floor stripping?

Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine is not recommended and not warranted for use with floor stripping chemical for finish removal. It was designed specifically for cleaning and adding shine to floor surfaces. Pads recommended for floor stripping processes are $3M^{TM}$ High Productivity Pad 7300 or $3M^{TM}$ Black Stripper Pad 7200 or others as appropriate for substrate type.

Is Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine the right pad for deep scrubbing and recoating jobs?

While Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine leaves a clean surface, it is not intended and not warranted for finish removal. The pad recommended for partial surface coating removal in preparation for recoating is Scotch-Brite™ Surface Preparation Pad or Scotch-Brite™ Surface Preparation Pad Plus.



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What floor surfaces can I clean with this pad?

Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine is suitable for use on coated and uncoated resilient, concrete, or stone floor substrates. Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine may be used on Scotchgard™ Resilient Floor Protector, Scotchgard™ Stone Floor Protector (concrete only) and most floor surface coatings. Appropriate floor substrates include vinyl, sheet vinyl, LVT, VCT, rubber, ceramic tile, marble, terrazzo, granite and concrete.

Note: Do not use Clean & Shine as a daily cleaning pad on stone or terrazzo floors coated with Scotchgard™ Stone Floor Protector. Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine may be used on these surfaces if uncoated or coated with acrylic floor finish, and may be used on concrete floors coated with Scotchgard™ Stone Floor Protector.

Can I use Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine immediately after applying a floor coating?

It is recommended to wait 24 hours before auto scrubbing any freshly applied floor coating with any floor pad. Consult your coating supplier or refer to 3M Technical Bulletins found at www.3m.com/facility for further guidance regarding 3M products

Can I use Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine on ceramic tile floors?

Yes.

Can I use Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine on rubber flooring? Yes.

Can I use Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine pads to clean with water only?

Yes. Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine is effective with just water.

Can I use neutral cleaner with Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine pads?

Yes. While Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine is effective when used on an auto scrubber with water only, you have the option to use neutral cleaner or the cleaner of your choice mixed to the proper dilution rate.

Will Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine pads remove my floor coating?

Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine used with water or mild detergent will not remove a noticeable amount of coating. Pads can be used long term for each cleaning without removal of a significant amount of surface coating.

How do I know when it is time to flip the pads over or discard and replace with new pads?

Pads can be used on each side until the coating has been fully worn away to reveal the yellow interior of the pad. Images of new and worn pads are shown below for reference.



Contrasting color provides wear indication.



Flip pads after the first side has worn away. Discard after second side has reached end of life.

How long will the pads last?

Each pad will last approximately 450,000 sq ft (42,000 m²) on an auto scrubber over smooth floor surfaces under typical use conditions.

Pads aren't lasting as long as expected, how can I increase the useful life of this product?

Several factors can be adjusted to maximize the useful life of Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine pads. All recommendations are optional.

Machine Variables: Ensure that the auto scrubber driver head(s) are level to avoid excess pressure on one side. Ensure pressure exerted by the equipment is in the proper range. Use only enough pressure necessary to achieve desired cleaning results.

Use Variables: Avoid thresholds, expansion joints and rough floor surfaces especially those equal to or greater than ¼ with sharp edges. Rinse pads when necessary to remove excess debris that may collect on the pad surface or edges. Flip the pad each day rather than running to end of life on one side before beginning use of the second side.

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We currently launder our floor pads; can I machine launder Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine pads?

Machine laundering of Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine pads is not recommended. Pads may be rinsed with water as needed to remove soil or debris.

Can Scotch-Brite Clean & Shine be used on a self-driving auto scrubber?

Yes

What pad pressure should be used on auto scrubbers?

Use the lowest pad pressure that is effective to perform adequate cleaning. As long as the pad is cleaning the floor it is also polishing the floor.

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