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Alternative Wood Coating Applicators

For the best results, Buckeye Reflections always recommends Lightweight T-Bars for water based Arena products and Heavyweight T-Bars for Coliseum products. However, if someone really wants to use another application tool, here are some pointers:

Application using the E-Z Way Applicator

For water based Arena products, use the E-Z Way K-100

For solvent-based Coliseum 350 and 450 products only, use the E-Z Way K-450

**None of the following applicators can be used to apply Coliseum 100 or 275-
Must use heavy weight T-Bars only**

Before filling the E-Z Way with finish, rinse out the tank and check the manifold tube to be sure that all of the holes are clear and function properly. Use water for Arena type products (E-Z Way K-100) and odorless mineral spirits for Coliseum type products (E-Z Way K-450). A medium sized paper clip is useful for this purpose. Place the applicator where you intend to start. Using a filter, fill the tank of the E-Z Way with finish. Open the valve and dispense a small puddle of finish on the floor. Turn off the valve and soak up this finish with the applicator head. Repeat if necessary to ensure that the head is thoroughly wet.

As you begin applying the finish, bear in mind that this is not a race. Open the valve enough to deliver a small arc of finish onto the floor (only about an inch). As you pull the pad across the floor, keep it tracking at a 45-degree angle. Adjust the valve and the speed you walk to maintain a very small puddle in front of the pad. There should be a bead of finish about an inch wide that flows around the edge of the pad. Keep the tank half full to full as this changes its weight and likewise the thickness of the coating left behind. Be sure to overlap the previous pass by at least 6 inches.

As you're approaching the end of the floor, shut off the valve several feet early to prevent excess material from creating a large puddle. Don't let the tank run dry. Refill near the end walls, not in the middle of the floor.

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On the last pass, regulate the valve so that only enough material needed to complete the job is applied. Place the E-Z Way into a plastic bag between coats. If the next coat won't be until the next day, remove the pad and rinse it well.

Monitor the drying process. When the floor appears visibly dry, turn on the HVAC and allow the air to exchange. Plan on at least 3 hours after tack free and up to 16 hours after tack free for water based Arena. Plan on at least 16 hours after tack free and up to 24 hours after tack free for Coliseum products.

Application using a Wax-O-Matic

Place the Wax-O-Matic near your starting point. Fill the tank with finish. Pull the handle to dispense a small puddle of finish. Use this puddle to saturate the pads of the Wax-O-Matic. Draw the Wax-O-Matic along the floor in a steady speed, not too fast, periodically applying more finish as it is used up. Keep the Wax-O-Matic at a small angle so that any excess finish will "snow plow" toward you. Overlap at least 6 inches and regularly refill the tank of the Wax-O-Matic. Keep the tank half full to full as this changes its weight and likewise the thickness of the coating left behind. Avoid stops and starts in the middle of the floor. When finished, remove the heads and throw away.

Application using a Multi-Flo

Be sure to keep a small angle so that any excess finish will "snow plow" toward you. Overlap the previous pass at least 6 inches.

Consult manufacturing directions for use of Multi-Flo

Application using a Fast Trac Machine

Buckeye Reflections does not recommend this applicator. You cannot overlap and angle while using.

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