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## ROLL-ON SKATE FLOOR COATING ONE-PART URETHANE SKATE FLOOR COATING

- Store indoors only.
- Keep from freezing.
- Store all containers at room temperature for 48 hours prior to application.
- Approximate storage shelf life: 12 months from date of manufacture
- MSDS for this product is available at [www.roll-on.com](http://www.roll-on.com).
- Fire Rating Reports for this product are available at [www.roll-on.com](http://www.roll-on.com).
- DOT Hazardous Spill information available at [www.roll-on.com](http://www.roll-on.com).

 **STOP! READ INSTRUCTIONS ON ALL PAGES!**

**Skate floor surface MUST BE absolutely free of dirt, surface oils and contaminants of any kind before proceeding.**

Regardless of your previous experience with our products, please read before coating. This brochure is a thorough review of preparation and application procedures. We are also including some important tips to improve your coating experience and shorten the duration of your coating time.

### Materials and Tools Needed:

- 1 or more floor polisher(s)
- #80 Grit Screen back pads or #80 Grit Sand paper
- Push Brooms
- Wide area or other vacuum cleaner(s)
- 2 gallon plastic watering can with shower head
- 1 – 2 foot square piece of window screen as a strainer
- Terrycloth bath towels
- Mineral Spirits for clean up
- 1 or more 18" – 1/2" Nap industrial roller(s) and Frames(s)


 **STOP!** Using a T-bar or Padco Applicator may void all warranties associated with this product.

Using a T-bar or Padco Applicator can be very subjective depending on the person using it. As one pulls the bar, the speed and force of the pull can cause the bar to float (hydroplane) over the applied coating which would increase the amount of the wet coating that is being laid down, causing more product to coat less surface. When using a roller, one is pushing the coating into the floor while the T-bar is pulling & gliding the coating over the top of the floor.

# Preparing and Coating Roll-on Skate Floor Finish Over Approved Coated Surfaces

## STEP 1 SANDING/ABRADING

Before applying **Roll-On Skate Floor Finish**, abrade the existing skating surface to a dull finish with #80 grit mesh screens or #80 grit sand paper under large **rotary floor polishers**. An **automatic floor scrubber may be used** for this procedure. If using an automatic floor scrubber abrade the surface with heaving pressure setting DRY - **do not use water or cleaners in the scrubber**.

 **NOTE** Change your paper or screens! If using sandpaper, Change paper after 500 square feet per disk. Mesh should be turned over after 500 square feet and discarded after 1,000 square feet per disk. Failure to change paper or screens at this rate usually results in polishing the surface even when it appears to be abrading it. Peeling or chipping may result when over-extending the intended life of the discs.

## STEP 2 REMOVING DUST – TACKING THE FLOOR

 **NOTE** NEVER USE STRING MOPS OR TREATED DRAG MOPS TO PREPARE, CLEAN OR MAINTAIN YOUR SKATE FLOOR!

- Vacuum the abraded skating surface with a drum or canister vacuum.
- Drag the surface carefully by soaking a large terrycloth towel in a bucket of **CLEAR WATER. (DO NOT USE DETERGENTS OR SOLVENTS.)**
- Wring out the towel of excess water
- **Be prepared to change the water frequently.**
- Using a 24" or 36" push broom or squeegee, push the towel across the width of the skating surface (**NOT THE LENGTH**). Upon reaching the other side, turn the towel over. The clean damp side is now face-down to the surface. Push it back to the other side. Overlap a little for a cleaner surface.
- Soak the used towel in clean water, wring out and repeat the process

Your floor **MUST BE CLEAN AND DUST FREE TO CONTINUE**  
Repeat Step 2 – Cleaning until the sanded skating surface is dust free.

## STEP 3 PREPARING ROLL-ON SKATE FLOOR FINISH

**IMPORTANT:** Apply at room temperature - 68 to 74 degrees (F). Allow good ventilation. Avoid flames and prolonged contact with skin. Wear disposable gloves to keep hands clean.

**DO NOT DILUTE OR ADD THINNERS TO ROLL-ON COATINGS!**

### 3A - CLEAR Roll-On

- Pour the *Roll-On* skate floor finish from the container through a fine mesh wire strainer into a two-gallon garden-type sprinkling can to remove any impurities formed during storage. **Proceed to Step 4.**

### 3B - COLORED (pigmented) Roll-On before Application

1. Open all the containers you anticipate using for one coat. Manually stir each can of pigmented Roll-On until it is consistent in color. **Be certain to raise all pigment from the bottom of the pail by stirring well.**
2. After stirring all the Roll-On containers, return to the first Roll-On container and stir it thoroughly again.
3. Immediately pour the mixture from the first Roll-On container through a strainer into a two-gallon garden-type sprinkling can. This leaves approximately 3 ½ gallons in the first Roll-On container.
4. Thoroughly stir contents of a second Roll-On container, pour some into the first container and stir again. This method of blending, known as **BOXING**, ensures color consistency and must be repeated with all containers until floor application is complete. The pail at the end of the line, not the front of the line, will be the first pail to be emptied.

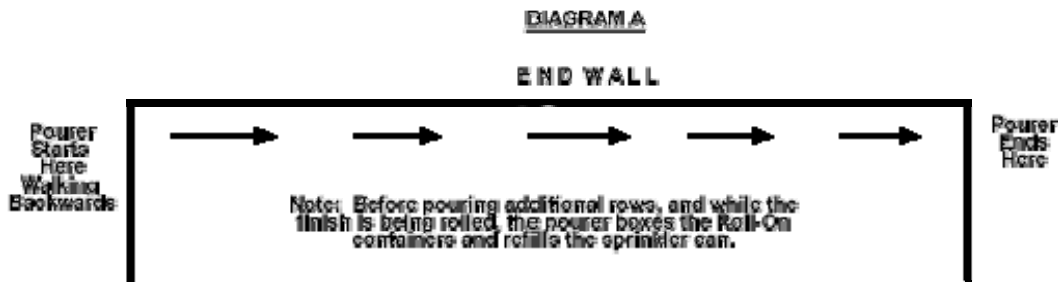
**TIP** ● Pouring the Roll-on Skate Floor Finish from the container through a strainer made from window screen into the two gallon garden-type sprinkling can removes impurities formed during storage. **Proceed to Step 4.**

## STEP 4 APPLYING ROLL-ON SKATE FLOOR FINISH

1. Using the garden type sprinkler can, start at one side of the rink approximately 36 inches from the end wall or railing.
2. Walk backwards at a normal pace across the width (not the length) of the skating surface while pouring Roll-on in an 18 - 24 inch wide zigzag pattern.
3. Pour evenly and steadily. Average use is between 1 and 1 ½ gallons per 60 to 70 feet of width. It is important to pour only enough material to maintain 500 square feet per gallon coverage.


### TIP ● CONTROLLING THE RATE OF APPLICATION

Divide the rink by the number of pails expected to be applied. **For example:** If a floor measures 170' x 70 = 5 pails (25 gals.) should be applied. Divide the 170' length by the 5 pails. The result is 34. Mark each 34 feet along the length the rink with a piece of easily seen tape on the wall. Each time a pail becomes empty, check your progress compared to the markings.



## STEP 5 ROLLING ROLL-ON SKATE FLOOR FINISH

**Use 1/2" nap, 18" Wide commercial rollers with long handles.**

 **NOTE** Applicators made from Lamb's wool such as EZ-WAY brand and Weighted Applicators such as Padco brand, present certain risks: The EZ-WAY (or other Lambs Wool Applicators) may leave thick ridges of material trailing off one edge or another –as a squeegee does. The Weighted Applicator leaves the material too thin – often spreading at 1,000 square feet per gallon causing the dried material to loose strength and integrity. The weighted applicator may also “bridge” a low spot in the floor leaving a surplus of material which dries poorly. Thinning the material or application by squeegee is never recommended.

- While *Roll-On* is being poured, **Roller Person 1** begins at the same side of the rink as the pouler. Roll the material at an easy pace, using five to six foot long strokes until reaching the center of the floor. The pouler, walking backwards, passes the center of the floor where **Roller Person 2** is waiting. Roller Person 2 completes the second half of the floor using the same technique as roller person 1. It is not necessary for one roller person to wait for the other to begin rolling. The two persons rolling, in this example complete the line while the person pouring returns to the pails to reload his sprinker can.

**ROLLING TIPS** ● Do not “over-roll” the material – passing the rollers often over the same area may cause air bubbles to dry in place. Roll with Light Pressure only. All persons rolling **MUST** end at the same straight line with each pour. To achieve uniform coverage while rolling, overlap each roller pass 3 to 4 inches using smooth, even and steady strokes.

**STAFFING TIPS** ● If coating 10,000 square feet and using one person mixing the pails, one person pouring for the rollers and 2 persons rolling – a total of 4 persons, the entire task should take no more than 1 ½ hours. Adding one more person rolling can reduce the application time up to 20%.

## STEP 6 - CLEAN UP

Use mineral spirits or paint thinner immediately after coating. The large 18” rollers hold so much material it is often most economical to properly dispose of them.

**STORAGE TIP** ● After application, transfer excess Roll-On to new, one-gallon paint containers with lids. Reducing air space in the storage containers extends the shelf-life of the material. Shelf life is approximately 12 months, properly stored.

### Traffic circles, numbers, lines and graphs

To avoid smearing and peeling of figure circles and traffic lines, use **Roll-On CIRCLE AND LINE PAINT**.



**Firefly black-light responsive additive** is available for all coatings we produce. It enhances black light effects in any skating center. Ask your distributor about **FIRE-FLY floor coating additive**.


Coverage per Gallon . . . . . 450 sq. ft.  
Coating Time average . . . . . 2 hours  
Drying Times: To walk on . . . . . 12 – 24 hours  
To skate on . . . . . 24 hours  
Applying additional coats: 7 - 10 days  
Drying Times Depend On:  
Floor and material temperature (68-72 degrees)  
Air exchange and circulation and humidity Levels



Why spend more money? **One coat** is often enough for one skating season.

### MAINTENANCE

For a durable, slip-resistant surface, skating floors must be kept clean. Poor maintenance will result in a slippery skating surface.

 **NOTE – Never use string mops or treated drag mops** to prepare, clean or maintain your skate floor coating. **Nearly ALL floor cleaners sold leave oily residues!** Please contact your Roll-on distributor for recommendations for **non-residue** skate floor finish cleaners.

- Clean floor weekly with an Automatic Floor Scrubber using Traction Skate Floor Cleaner non-residue concentrate.
- **Drag floor daily with an *UNTREATED* dry mop.**
- If an Automatic Scrubber is not available: clean floor as needed by soaking a large towel in a bucket of clear water or Traction non-residue skate floor cleaner. Wring out and wrap the towel around a 36" push broom. Push the towel across the Width of the skating surface (NOT THE LENGTH). Upon reaching the other side, turn the towel over so that the clean side is face down to the surface and push it back to the other side. Overlap a little for cleaner surface. Soak and wring the towel again and repeat this process until the floor has been cleaned.

We can control our mixtures in the factory and issue certificates of compliance with each batch. Unfortunately, we cannot control the environment where it is prepared and our material applied.

<b>PROBLEM OBSERVED</b>	<b>POSSIBLE CAUSES</b>
<b>ALLIGATOR SKIN</b>	Additional coating applied too soon
<b>ALLIGATOR SKIN</b>	Excessive coating upon application
<b>ALLIGATOR SKIN</b>	Material was allowed to puddle
<b>ALLIGATOR SKIN</b>	Too much air flow directly on to or across the surface
<b>BLACK STREAKS - over time</b>	Moisture has been present - possibly mold
<b>BUBBLING</b>	Aggressively shaking before application
<b>BUBBLING</b>	High temperatures during application
<b>BUBBLING</b>	Mixing the product with a high-speed mixer before application
<b>BUBBLING</b>	Repeatedly passing over the product with rollers
<b>DISCOLORING STREAKS</b>	Contaminated surface; Likely oil, grease, soap film or silicone
<b>DISCOLORING STREAKS</b>	Improper floor preparation
<b>DISCOLORING STREAKS</b>	Material Not Boxed or Boxes improperly
<b>FINE DIRT PARTICLES</b>	Distributed from ventilation system
<b>FINE DIRT PARTICLES</b>	Enter from open doors or windows
<b>FINE DIRT PARTICLES</b>	Lint from applicator
<b>FISH EYES</b>	Contaminated surface; Likely oil, grease, soap film or silicone
<b>FISH EYES</b>	Room or Surface Temperature too high
<b>FISH EYES</b>	Too much air flow across surface
<b>HAZY FINISH</b>	Presents of moisture - possible high humidity
<b>PEELING - immediate</b>	Improper floor preparation
<b>PEELING - immediate</b>	Screens or sand paper not changed frequently during preparation
<b>PEELING - immediate</b>	Surface not properly sanded and cleaned
<b>PEELING - over time</b>	Contamination causing gradual delaminating
<b>PEELING - over time</b>	Contamination prior to coating
<b>PEELING - over time</b>	Improper floor preparation
<b>PEELING - over time</b>	Introduction of sub-surface moisture
<b>PUDDLING</b>	See wrinkling or alligator skin or Streaking
<b>SLOW DRYING</b>	High humidity
<b>SLOW DRYING</b>	Lack of ventilation after application
<b>SLOW DRYING</b>	Low Surface temperatures
<b>STREAKING</b>	High surface or room temperature
<b>STREAKING</b>	Product applied too thick
<b>STREAKING</b>	Product applied too thin
<b>STREAKING</b>	See also Puddling
<b>STREAKING</b>	Vents or fans discharging air directly onto the surface
<b>SWIRL MARKS BELOW</b>	Coating too thin
<b>SWIRL MARKS BELOW</b>	Scuffing pads too heavy
<b>WRINKLING</b>	Excessive coating upon application
<b>WRINKLING</b>	Material was allowed to puddle
<b>WRINKLING</b>	Puddling in a low spot on the floor surface
<b>WRINKLING</b>	Recoating too soon
<b>WRINKLING</b>	Too much air flow directly on to or across the surface

Never use steel wool to abrade the previous coating during preparation. Follow suggestions in this brochure for proper clean-up after preparations. Never use string mops and buckets or drag mops to tack the surface before application. Never use treated drag mops on skate floors. We recommend frequent use of larger untreated micro-fiber drags.

# WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES?

	OIL BASED ROLL-ON	WATER BASED TRACTION
<b>VOC Compliance</b>	Solvent based products from Roll-on are <250 g/L VOC and compliant in all States. Check with your distributor to determine which product is permitted for use in your state.	<u>Traction</u> <225 g/L VOC - Compliant in all US states and all countries with the identical coefficient of friction of Roll-on. <u>There is nothing like it.</u>
<b>Durability</b>	One season durability.	Proven one season or more durability. Leaning toward two-season durability.
<b>Adhesion</b>	Excellent adhesion. Forms weak bonds with latex paints and unregulated oil base paint substrates.	Excellent adhesion to most substrates; better elasticity than oil.
<b>Color Retention</b>	Colors limited due to amber cast of the tongue-oil in the coating.	Superior resistance to chalking and fading when exposed to ultra-violet light. Clear coat only.
<b>Ease of Application</b>	Goes on with greater film thickness for good one-coat hiding and coverage.	Goes on thin, smooth and evenly, with little applicator drag - two coats are usually required.
<b>Mildew Resistance</b>	Oil bases can provide nutrients for mildew growth; most products contain mildewcide to minimize growth.	Less likely to grow mildew; mildewcide additives discourage mildew growth, help maintain fresh appearance.
<b>Versatility</b>	Can be used on most materials. For new concrete and other sub-strates a primer or pre-treatment is required.	Can be used on most materials. Pre-treatment or primer often less aggressive, can over-coat less costly sealants and primers more easily.
<b>Odor</b>	Odor can linger for days when coating with solvent based products.	Water based products are very low odor, clearing from clothing and a building's interior quickly.
<b>Cleanup</b>	Turpentine, paint thinner or other solvent.	Simple water cleanup.
<b>Drying Time</b>	Eight to 24 hours. Can usually be skated on within 24 hours.	One to six hours, permitting quick recoating. Can be skated on within 24 hours.
<b>GREEN</b>	YES	YES
<b>Color Options</b>	Clear (amber), Tan, Light Aqua Blue.	A great many custom colors from factory recommended paint suppliers only.
<b>Coefficient of Friction (Grip)</b>	Roll-on is Highest of all solvent based coatings manufactured in the world. <u>Excellent for Competitive Skating.</u>	Matches Roll-on using James Friction Machine. 30% higher than average Water-based Gym finishes. <u>Excellent for Competitive Skating.</u>
<b>Preparation</b>	Light screening between coats of the same product. Heavier sanding when coating over dissimilar products.	Light screening when coating over MOST previous coatings.
<b>Spread Rate</b>	450 square feet per gallon.	Up to and over 1,000 square feet per gallon.
<b>Cost per Square Foot</b>	9-11¢ per square foot per coat. Usually only one recoat seasonally.	11 - 15¢ per square foot per coat total costs. One <u>double</u> recoat recommended seasonally.

# **IMPORTANT PRECAUTIONS WHEN PREPARING OR APPLYING THIS PRODUCT**

## **Roll-on 340 g/L HIGHER SOLIDS EFFECT DRYING TIMES:**

**There are distinct differences between Regular Roll-on and Roll-on 340 g/L.**

Roll-on 340 g/L contains a lower volume of drying agents than Regular Roll-on Skate Floor Coating. The reduction in drying agents increases the thickness of the product and naturally slows its drying time by about 20% when compared to Regular Roll-on. Please note this fact in this brochure.

## **AVOID COATING DURING ELEVATED HUMIDITY OR RAINY CONDITIONS:**

Drying times can be critically extended due to HIGHER HUMIDITY. Please note comments regarding humidity in this brochure as well as on the label.

**PROPER VENTILATION IS A MUST!** All air-dried products use oxygen to cure and harden. Humid conditions reduce oxygen levels in the building, but so too does closing up the building after application of the coating.

- It is advised to continue to ventilate the building for the duration of the curing process.
- It is important that air NOT be applied directly down onto the floor's surface.
- Proper ventilation is to allow outside air to enter the building while air within the building is being vented back outside.
- Some air conditioning systems are circulating systems and do not draw air from the outside while cooling or heating the air within the building.
- Locate and activate the "vent" settings on air conditioning systems while the floor coating is curing.
- Open doors and windows when possible.
- Do not allow air flow to be directed down at the floor coating – air rushing across the floor, not down on it, balances the drying process.

**NO MATTER HOW FAMILIAR YOU ARE WITH OUR PRODUCTS, ALWAYS CHECK THE LABELS ON THE CANS AS WELL AS THE BROCHURES SUPPLIED WITH YOUR PRODUCTS TO BE CERTAIN YOU HAVE ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION TO COMPLETE PREPARATION AND APPLICATION OF THIS PRODUCT SUCCESSFULLY.**