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# Choosing The Right Floor Pad

Choosing the right floor pad saves time and money. Using the wrong floor pad could result in permanent surface scarring and costly repairs. Below are some basics on the best floor pad for the right application.



## Industry Standard Pad Colors

Industry standards in floor pad color have been established to differentiate the pad for the appropriate use and provide the best results. While a manufacturer may use their own color codes to specific a task, the general rule of thumb is the darker the color pad, the more coarse the pad is.

**White Floor Pads** - White Polishing Floor Pad- Light dry polishing or light water spray for high gloss

**Red Floor Pad** - Red Buffing for spray buffing, cleaning and polishing.

**Blue Floor Pad** - Blue Scrubbing for scrubbing or heavy-duty spray cleaning.  
Removes soiled top layers of finish

**Green Floor Pad** - Green Scrubbing is ideal for heavy-duty scrubbing or light stripping

**Brown Floor Pad** - Brown stripping for heavy duty stripping, wet or dry.

**Black Floor Pad** - Black Stripping for heavy-duty stripping

## What's the difference between a Synthetic Floor Pads vs. Natural Floor Pads?

Synthetic floor pads like those made of nylon and polyester are best for low speed scrubbing or stripping with wet solutions. They can also be used for burnishing, but it will require additional scrubbing to remove black marks and scratches to provide the proper gloss.

Natural pads or pads made from natural fibers like animal hair, coconut, and walnut create a coarser pad, which are ideal for burnishing.