

## SquareStrip FAQ's

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### **How much faster is the chemical free method of floor preparation than conventional slurry methods with buckets of water and harsh chemical strippers?**

It depends on the amount of area you are stripping. Small difficult areas with carpet located close to the floor show significant time savings. Many of our customers report time savings of at least 50%.

### **Does the SquareStrip strip all the finish or "wax" off the floor?**

The SquareStrip removes the majority of finish on the floor. The finish or "wax" that is in the pores and cracks of the tile is not removed. This saves between one and two coats of floor finish that normally is required to replace and reseal the tile. The coats that soak right in don't need to be replaced. Your first coat of finish should look about like what your third coat would normally look.

### **What size pad fits on the SquareStrip**

We recommend our 14" x 20" Maroon Prep Pad

### **How long do the floor pads last on the SquareStrip?**

When using the maroon dry strip pad; the average expected life is 2,000 sq feet per pad (1,000 square feet per side)

### **What are the specifications of the SquareStrip motor?**

The SquareStrip have a 1.5 horsepower sealed motor and are dust proof. Under normal operation the motor runs with an amp draw of 9.0 amps.

### **How long is the warranty on the motor?**

The SquareStrip motor has a 2 year parts and labor warranty.

### **How long will the rubber isolators last that allow the head to rotate?**

It is difficult to answer since everyone uses their machine a little differently. We anticipate an average life of the rubber isolators at approximately 400-500 hours of operation before changing is required. It should take someone with normal mechanical ability about 20 minutes to swap the isolators.

### **How much does a set of isolators cost?**

Four isolators cost \$114.00 for the set. We recommend always replace them as a set. Don't just replace the one that is showing to be broken. Think of them as a wear item just like the rubber squeegee blades on an auto-scrubber.



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### **How long is the power cord on the SquareStrip?**

The power cord on the SquareStrip is a quick disconnect (twist lock style) 50' long safety yellow.

### **Can I use gym floor type screens with my SquareStrip on regular VCT or Terrazzo with normal floor finish?**

We get this question quite a bit. We have heard from some of our customers who are already using this method. There are risks associated with using a gym floor sanding screen on a tile floor. A gym floor sanding screen can damage the tile. The gym floor sanding screen has the ability remove all the floor finish and grind into the tile. In skilled, well trained hands we hear this method is very fast and much more cost effective than the "Prep" pads. The screens cut much faster and last much longer. Customers are reporting that they are getting done twice as fast with gym floor sanding screens and; we have heard reports of double the square footage with a gym floor sanding screen compared to the Prep pad. Caution must be used if you decide to adopt this method. You could damage the floor tile. Using gym floor sanding screens on a tile floor could do severe damage to the floor surface itself.

### **What about using the SquareStrip on asbestos tile?**

The official OSHA answer for how to handle the stripping of a floor with asbestos tile is that the floor must remain wet at all times. The only way to be completely sure that no one is exposed to any asbestos during floor stripping is to keep the floor wet. The only way to be completely sure is to keep the floor wet.



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