

INSTRUCTIONS

T-Bar Applicators

These tools are designed for use with waterborne and solvent based floor coatings. To ensure a successful coating job, always read and follow the floor finish manufacturer's instructions. Bon T-Bar Coating Applicators are weighted to control the mil thickness of the coating. T-Bar Coating Applicator Covers are sold separately. Rotating hand grip accepts standard broom thread handle.

Heavyweight T-Bar Applicators are solid steel to apply thinner mil layer of finish.

#82-554 18"
#82-555 24"

Lightweight T-Bar Applicators are hollow steel tubing to apply a thicker layer of finish to large areas.

#82-552 18"
#82-553 24"

Nylon Foam Applicator Covers

apply a smooth lint-free finish to wood, concrete, tile and slate surfaces and are recommended for water based oil and most solvent based finishes.

#82-556 18"
#82-557 24"

Woven Fabric Applicator Covers have a shorter fabric nap and are recommended for use with oil and high solvent base coatings.

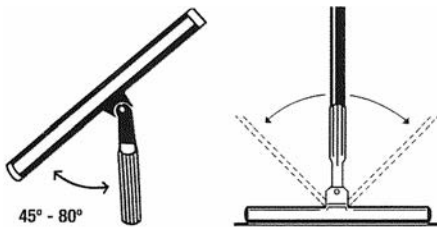
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PREPERATION / PLANNING

Proper floor preparation is essential to a good finish. Be sure the floor has been properly sanded, screened, and tacked. The floor must be free of dust and lint before you begin. You will need (1) T-Bar Applicator, (1) Applicator Cover, (1) Broom Thread Handle. Application requires two persons; you will need an assistant with a pour bucket.

ASSEMBLY

Thoroughly rinse and dry the application cover prior to first use in order to remove any loose fibers. Slide the cover onto the head of the applicator. The cover is slit on one side to accommodate the handle flange. The cover should fit snugly on the head. Attach your threaded handle by inserting it into the handle and twisting until it is securely screwed in place. The locknut which attaches the handle to the flange is preset at the factory with enough tension to keep the head of the tool at whatever angle you set it at. If you need to adjust the tension on the nut, place a wrench on the bolt and use another wrench to turn the nut. Set the head of the tool at an angle from 45 to 80 degrees. This is easily done by placing the head of the tool on the floor with the handle pointing up, and pushing the handle to the left or right. This angle allows the tool to pull the finish along in a snowplow fashion.



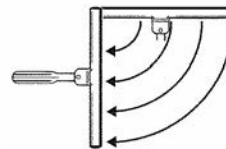
USING THE TOOL

Starting at the side of the room opposite your planned exit, pour a line of finish material approximately 4" wide the full length of the floor, about 6" to 8" from the wall. Begin your run by gently placing the T-Bar Applicator at one end of the line of finish and walking it the full length of the floor. Walk at a steady, comfortable pace, without stopping until you reach the end of the run (Fig 1).



(Fig 1)

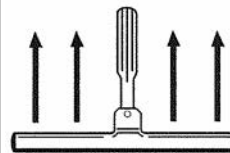
At the end of the run, turn the tool so the head is parallel with the line of finish material (Fig 2). Gently squeeze out excess material from the applicator by pressing down on the tool. Don't squeeze too hard or you may introduce bubbles into the finish. Starting at the wall, make a short stroke back over your turn and gently lift the tool (Fig 3). This will erase your turn mark. The key to avoiding turn marks in your finish is to gently set the tool down and lift it up. Begin your next run by going back in the opposite direction working with the line of finish material that was snowplowed to one side on your first pass. Your assistant should be walking ahead of you, adding more finish to the thin spots in the line. You should always try to maintain a 4" wide line of finish. In this manner, simply go back and forth over the floor until the entire area is covered (Fig 4).



(Fig 2)

HEAVYWEIGHT APPLICATOR

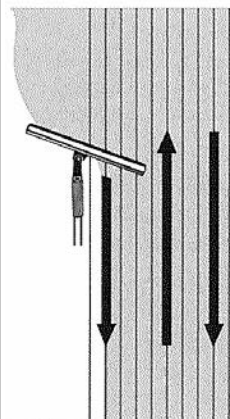
Use the Heavyweight Floor Coater for those finishes which require a very thin coat. The weight of the tool will meter out a very thin coating of finish material. Actual mil thickness will vary depending on the type of finish used. Simply pull the tool through the material and let the weight of the tool spread the finish.



(Fig 3)

LIGHTWEIGHT APPLICATOR

Use the Lightweight Floor Coater for applying thicker coats of finish. The lightweight head doesn't apply as much pressure, for a thicker coat. This tool also works well with thinner viscosity finishes.



(Fig 4)

CLEAN-UP

After use with waterborne coatings, remove the cover from the tool and rinse in room temperature water. Squeeze excess finish and water from the pad and rinse thoroughly.

For solvent based coatings, use cleaning solvent recommended by the manufacturer. Thoroughly wash tool in detergent and water to remove remaining solvent. Rinse well. Do not allow refill to soak in solvent.