

Technical Tips for the Gold Seal System

Q When can I recoat Gold Seal using Gold Seal?

A 90 days

Why? Because the aggressiveness of the solvents in the second coat of Gold Seal may cause wrinkling.

Q When can I recoat Gold Seal using Lite Scent?

A 24 hours with good ventilation and heat in winter months.

Why not 90 days? Because the solvent in the Lite Scent is not as aggressive as the solvent in Gold Seal. The performance of Lite Scent and Gold Seal are equal.

Q Can I mix the Gold Seal and Lite Scent?

A Yes. Treat the mixture as if it were Gold Seal.

Q If I need Semi-Gloss, can I mix Gloss and Matte together?

A Yes, 2 parts Gloss to 1 part Matte.

Q What happens if I accidentally put hardener in Gold Seal or Lite Scent?

A Gold Seal and Lite Scent are pre-catalyzed coatings, by adding additional hardener, the finish will be over catalyzed. As a result the appearance and final wear properties of Gold Seal or Lite Scent could be compromised. The over catalyzed material should be disposed of according to state and local regulations.

Q When can I recoat with Glitsa Sealer, Bacca or Satin Sealer over Gold Seal or Lite Scent?

A After one week.

Why? Gold Seal and Lite Scent are sufficiently cured after one week (with good ventilation – and heat in winter months) for Glitsa Sealer, Bacca or Satin Sealer to be applied. Prepare the surface according to instructions (well used 100-120 grit screen).

Q Why do you only recommend one coat of Gold Seal or Lite Scent?

A Film build is obtained with seal coats that have higher solids content. Gold Seal and Lite Scent provide the durability, scuff and scratch resistance, desired sheen, etc., which is attained with one coat. Additional finish coats will not improve scratch and scuff resistance.

Q The floor looked great until I put down the Glitsa Gold Seal or Lite Scent and then it wrinkled. Did I get a bad batch of Gold Seal or Lite Scent?

A Probably not.

Why? A lack of dry time on a stain or seal coat can cause the whole



system to fail. If the seal coat has not fully dried, its ability to resist solvents has not fully developed. In the case when a coat of Gold Seal or Lite Scent is applied over the partially dried seal coat, the solvents in the Gold Seal or Lite Scent easily penetrate through the seal coat, softening the film to the point where its integrity is diminished. Consequently, wrinkling occurs.

Q What if I forgot to add hardener to my seal coat?

A In most cases this can be remedied by applying a second seal coat with the correct amount of hardener (no more and no less) and extend the normal dry time an additional 24 hours.

Q Can I add more or less hardener to Glitsa Sealer, Bacca or Satin Sealer to make them dry faster or slower?

A No



Why? The amount of hardener recommended for each product is engineered to chemically react a certain way with each product. Any variation in the amount of hardener added may compromise the integrity of the products.

Q How much Retarder do I need?

A Usually none.

Why? In most situations, Retarder is not necessary. However, in the event of hot, dry weather, or due to a difficult layout where additional open time is needed, Retarder may be added. A good

starting point is 4 oz. per gallon, with a maximum of 8 oz. per gallon. Keep in mind when Retarder is used, that dry times may be extended.

Q Can I use Glitsa Sealer over Bacca or Satin Sealer and vice versa?

A Yes, allow appropriate dry time.

Q Can I mix Glitsa Sealer with Bacca or Satin Sealer?

A No. They have separate resin systems as well as different hardeners.

Q What do I use to lighten or darken Glitsa stains?

A Glitsa Neutral stain or a darker Glitsa stain. Any color combination utilizing a pigmented stain such as Cordovan, Sable Black, White, Whisper Gray, Golden Harvest, or Taupe requires 48-72 hours of dry time. ■

