

SANDING EFFECTS:

A good finish requires sanding with grade #180 and a fair finish will need at least grade #120. The sanding must be done following the steps below.

STEP A: Sand with grade #60 to take off the old surface completely.

STEP B: Use grade #80 to clear the sanding marks.

STEP C: Then use #120 (or even better #180) to get a fine surface.

STEP D: Clean the floor with a vacuum cleaner to have the floor as clean as possible.

STEP E: Then re-varnish.

Any shortcut from the above steps will most likely result in a rough surface or marks. This effect may not be visible in the first instance but will be very obvious after the re-varnishing, especially with the high gloss lacquer.

DIRTY FLOORS:

The dusty or dirty look can be the result of re-varnishing when the floor is dirty or where a dirty brush has been used. This effect shows a dirty looking surface with many minute air bubbles.

VARNISH EFFECT:

Using a very high gloss lacquer will show up all minute details very much. The look of such an effect is similar to a wet dirty glass surface. 25-30% gloss lacquer is highly recommended.

The conclusion therefore is to ensure that the floor is properly sanded in the first instance. A normal sanding machine will do the job. If all the sanding procedures are correctly followed there should be no problem.