

GRANWAX APPLICATORS

It is very important that you are aware of the range of applicators that are available from us. The following information is designed to help decide which applicator will suit the type of installations you work on.

GRANLEDA 12" APPLICATOR

Description:

The applicator base is of sheet metal construction and is in the form of a "V" shape. The handle is wooden and is clamped into the frame by a bolt and wingnut (supplied).

This applicator can be used for coating all types of surface with the chosen product, and is ideal for use on very small areas. It is particularly useful on uneven surfaces, worn floorboards, slate tiles, etc.

GRANLEDA 20" APPLICATOR

Description:

The applicator base is of sheet metal construction and is in the form of a semi-circular "U" shape. The handle is also wooden and is screwed into place.

These larger applicators offer the same advantages as the 12" size but have the added benefit of covering larger areas in a shorter time.

GRANLEDA APPLICATOR TRAYS

Description:

The applicator trays are available in both 12" and 20" sizes. They are of galvanised metal construction and are fitted with a 'bar' to enable excessive seal to be removed from the applicator pad, therefore minimising the risk of drip marks.

PADCO APPLICATORS 18" AND 24"

Description:

These applicators differ in that they are of all metal construction. The 'head' is a solid bar onto which the sleeve slides over. Both sizes offer a quick, easy way of applying finish to a floor surface. The 24" Padco is particularly suitable for large areas, i.e. Sports Halls, Exhibition Halls, factories, etc.

An applicator tray is not required for use with Padco Applicators.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Whichever type of applicator is decided upon, it is very important that the surface to be coated has been properly prepared. Please refer to the appropriate Granwax preparation data sheet and ensure that each stage of the procedure has been followed correctly. Remember that good preparation is essential to ensure a good end result.

ASSEMBLY

Granleda Applicator –

1. Assemble as previously described.
2. Take applicator pad and rub off any excess or loose lint, dust, etc. Failure to do this could result in fibres being trapped in the finish, resulting in a `pimply` effect. If a water based finish is to be used, it is good practice to rinse out pad in clean water and wring out well to remove loose fibres before use.
3. Once the pad has been prepared, wrap it around the frame. Trap ends of pad behind backing plate and clamp it tightly with wing nuts fitted.

Padco Applicator –

1. Prepare Padco sleeve in the same manner as described for Granleda pad.
2. The sleeve is slit on one side to accommodate the handle flange. A locknut holds the flange to the handle and this has been pre-set to allow you to position the head at whatever angle you choose. If it becomes necessary to adjust the tension, use appropriate size spanners to do this.

APPLICATOR USE ON UNEVEN FLOOR SURFACES

Granleda Applicators -

It is recommended that this type of applicator only is used for this type of surface and that an Applicator Tray is used.

1. Quarter fill Applicator Tray with chosen finish.
2. Dip applicator and rub off excess finish on bar fitted to tray.
3. Apply finish to floor, working in one direction and allowing finish to flow beneath applicator. It is suggested that firm pressure be applied by pressing down on applicator handle, however, do not press too heavily or finish may `drag`.
4. Once finish has ceased to flow, repeat the operation until entire surface has been coated.
5. Make sure that you work to a "floor plan" by using the edge of a floorboard or block as a guide. This will help ensure that no `pools` of finish or missed areas are created. This is particularly important when applying second and subsequent coats as reflection from previous coat makes application difficult.

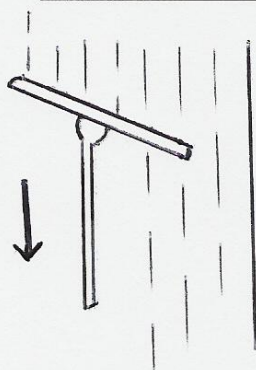
APPLICATOR USE ON FLAT, EVEN FLOOR SURFACES

Granleda Applicators and Padco Applicators -

This alternative method of application may be used on this type of surface without the use of an Applicator Tray.

NOTE: To create the “snowplough” effect of applying the finish, it is important to have the applicator held at an angle. When using a Padco Applicator, this is achieved by setting the head of the applicator at an angle of approximately 45 degrees. Do this by placing the head of the tool on the floor with the handle pointing straight up and then pushing the handle to the left or right to achieve the correct angle. When using a Granleda Applicator, which has a fixed head, the handle should be held at a suitable angle in front of you. (See diagram below).

PADCO APPLICATOR



GRANLEDA APPLICATOR



1. To help control flow of finish while applying, it is recommended that it is put into a long spouted watering can (galvanised for spirit and solvent based, plastic for water based).
2. Starting at the side of room opposite your planned exit, and working with edge of floorboard or block, pour a line of finish approximately 4” – 6” wide, the full length of the floor. Begin the line of finish 4” from the top corner and 2” – 3” in from side wall. End the line approximately 4” from bottom corner.
3. Begin by gently dipping applicator into line of finish at top corner and continue down the `run` without applying pressure, walking backwards at a steady, comfortable pace without stopping. With the applicator acting as a “snowplough”, excess finish will run out to the edge of applicator. Keep walking parallel to enable a regular width line of material to be achieved.
4. At the end of the `run` and, therefore, almost at bottom corner, turn off to your left or right (depending on which direction you are working) until applicator head is parallel with line of finish. Gently squeeze out excess material from the applicator by applying gentle pressure onto the floor surface. Do not squeeze or press down too hard as this may trap air bubbles onto the surface. Gently run applicator over `turn` mark to eliminate it – lightly setting down and then lifting off applicator will minimise the risk of bubbling.
5. Begin next `run` by going back in opposite direction, adding more finish to the line of excess material that was “snowploughed” to the side of the first `run`. Remember to work with a line of finish approximately 4” – 6” on each `run`.
6. In the above manner, work your way backward and forwards towards the exit.

7. Towards the final line of finish to be applied, decrease the amount of material poured. It is advisable and easier to pour out small amounts of finish regularly as you work towards the exit. This will reduce the risk of excess material being present at the end of the process, thus covering the surface with a smooth, even coat, free from pools and drag marks.
8. Repeat above operation for subsequent coats.

CARE OF APPLICATOR PADS/SLEEVES

When water based finish has been used, after each coat wash out applicator pad/sleeve in clean water. Do this as quickly as possible to prevent pad/sleeve "setting".

If spirit or solvent based finished has been used, it is suggested that the entire head of the applicator is placed as soon as possible into a plastic bin liner and then sealed.

This method is only recommended for the period between the first and second coats being applied. When work entails coating to be carried out on the next day, it will be necessary to dispose of pad/sleeve and renew.

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