



## Recommended Finish Options

### Option I: PaperStone Finish

PaperStone Finish contains carnauba wax, bees wax and mineral oil.

To apply this finish, you'll need an ample supply of paper towels (blue shop towels work well).

Prepare PaperStone surface to the smoothness desired by cleaning with a medium grit Scotch-Brite™ pad. Remove any dust with water, paint thinner, mineral spirits, acetone or lacquer thinner. Let dry or evaporate.

*PaperStone has a pleasing, natural micro-textured surface. Removing that texture will require more aggressive sanding. Remove dust, then proceed with the steps below.*

Apply a generous amount of PaperStone Finish using a paper towel or by hand.

Remove excess Finish by continually using clean paper towels until fingerprints are not visible when surface is touched. If fingerprints are still visible, continue rubbing off Finish residue with clean towels. Using a towel that has Finish on it just reapplies excess material that you're trying to remove. **It is important to use clean towels.**

It is not necessary to exert extreme pressure or use lots of muscle power, just use clean towels and rub Finish off until no fingerprints are visible. Once this is accomplished, the PaperStone Finish will be hardened.

If additional coats of Finish are desired, application can be done with steel wool. This will buff the surface as the Finish is applied. We recommend 0000, 000, 00 or 0 grit, as these will only buff and not damage the PaperStone surface.

### Option II: Polyurethane Wipe-on Gel

An ample supply of paper towels (blue shop towels work well), mineral spirits or paint thinner and steel wool (0000, 000 or 00) is needed to apply the Polyurethane Wipe-on Gel finish.

After surface is cleaned with a medium grit Scotch-Brite™ pad, remove any dust with paint thinner or mineral spirits. Let dry or evaporate.

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If coating a large surface area, it may be helpful to have another person to assist.

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alone, apply only to an area small enough so the Poly Gel will not dry or set-up until the excess is removed. If you have help, more area can be covered at once. The key thing to remember is not to allow the Poly Gel to dry or set-up before the excess is removed.

After applying the Poly Gel, remove the excess. You'll need to remove any and all that can be removed. You won't be able to remove too much, or rub too much. Change towels often. Using a towel that has wet Poly Gel on it just reapplies excess material that you're trying to remove. **It is important to use clean towels.**

The goal is to remove all excess, creating a thin, even layer of finish. If Poly Gel is slopped onto areas where the excess has been removed, it will appear as a shinier, darker spot. A consistent layer of Poly Gel finish is desired.

After all the excess is removed, if there are spots where a little Poly Gel has been slopped on, these spots can be fixed to look like the rest of the finished surface by buffing the spots with steel wool. Be careful not to work aggressively on a specific spot, but blend in the affected area with the rest of the surface. This will not require a massive amount of pressure or rubbing, simply enough to blend in the affected area with the rest of the finished surface.

When wiping off excess Poly Gel, it is impossible to remove too much. After all excess is removed, the appearance will no longer change. Then, and only then, can you move further on down the panel. You should not be able to see any fingerprints in the finish once the excess is removed and buffed out correctly.

The first coat should dry at least 30 minutes before applying another coat using the same process as before. Two coats minimum, three coats are better. Then let sit for at least 8 hours to allow Gel finish to fully cure.

After the final coat of Poly Gel is applied, steel wool can be used if necessary, to even out the luster or any shiny spots to give the entire surface an even appearance.

Finally, to protect the Polyurethane Wipe-on Gel finish we recommend applying a coat of PaperStone Finish or a coat of "The Original Bees Wax," an aerosol spray. These products can be purchased from PaperStone. Either of these waxes will help absorb abuse and isolate damage to the Poly Gel finish.