

## Stripping With Chemicals

Following Supplies sold at:

McBride Company  
4215 Willimet Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90039  
818-507-8900

- i. “Non-flammable” Master Strip Formula “A” Remover (Flush off type) containing Methylene Chloride (Sold in 1 gal. increments. 1 gal estimates covers 150 square feet)
- ii. Wash Remover (Sold as lacquer thinner with the addition of slower “drying” solvents)

Need also:

- iii. Metal blade, i.e. spatula, putty knife, etc.
- iv. Throw-away “chip” brush
- v. Heavy “Stripping” Gloves
- vi. T.S.P. (Tri-sodium Phosphate) cleanser (sold in grocery stores)
- vii. Scotch Brite nylon scrub pads
- viii. Clean rags and/ or sponges
- ix. Tap water
- x. Aluminum foil
- xi. Clean, plastic bucket

## Process

- 1) Work in a shaded and well-ventilated area. Set item to be stripped on blocks (elevated above surface). Lay down aluminum foil underneath to place removed/ stripped chemical material.
- 2) Wearing heavy stripping gloves, brush (with throwaway brush) Formula “A” Remover (acts as a “bottom up” stripper) across surface of material to be removed in ONE direction ONLY, i.e. the direction of the grain (due to chemical properties, it reactivates agents in old finish – brushing back again forces into/ dries into wood). Let sit for about one minute. As the remover activates (signaled by bubbling/ crinkling of material), apply second coat of Formula “A” Remover over the first. The key is to keep the material wet.
- 3) Use metal blade such as putty knife or spatula (knife blade for small areas/ inlays) to scrape material off. Material should come right up! Place removed/ stripped chemical material on aluminum foil. After material dries on foil, it is OK to throw away.
- 4) Using Scotch Brite nylon scrub pad, scrub the item with wash remover, dipping from/into bucket. Wipe off with rag. Final wash use just rag soaked in wash remover.
- 5) Using Scotch Brite nylon scrub pad, scrub the item with T.S.P. (to remove wax residue which is contained in Methylene Chloride from the Formula “A” Remover). Wipe off with rag. Final T.S.P. wash use just rag or sponge.
- 6) Final rinse of item is with tap water and rag or sponge.
- 7) Sand with at least 220 grit (to start) sandpaper and then re-finish!