



Caring for your Wool Pads

4 Ply Twisted Wool

4 ply twisted wool pads are designed and constructed for hard compounding. Twisted tufts, which resemble rope, are more aggressive than single or untwisted strands. During the buffing process, the compound attaches itself to the twisted tufts producing a stiff bristle type action. As the tufts unravel, the pad becomes less aggressive and performance is reduced. Use of unprofessional cleaning tools will accelerate the unraveling process. In contrast, if the pad becomes overloaded with compound, it can become too aggressive resulting in scratching. All pads have a performance cycle, meaning you will get the desired results only to a certain point. That point of declining performance is typically caused by compound overload. With proper cleaning this situation can be avoided.

Knitted Wool and Wool Blends

Knitted pads are used primarily for polishing applications. The polishing process refines the working finish to eliminate compounding swirls and scratches. Proper cleaning is especially important in achieving optimum pad performance.

Follow these general rules for better results from your wool pads:

- Make it a practice to periodically check the pad during the buffing process. Clean the pad when the pad surface begins to glaze over from compound/polish build up. We also recommend washing or spurring the pad prior to storing for future use. Our buffer powered system System 2000™ pad washer and Duospur™ tool are specially designed for these tasks
- Never use a screwdriver, fork or other stationary "tool" to spur a pad. This promotes the untwisting of the tufts and may damage the pad's backing. We recommend using our Duospur™ cleaning tool instead. This patented product features glass filled nylon spur wheels that move with the pad, limiting the untwisting action.
- After washing, do not dry pads with high heat as this promotes wool shrinkage. Instead, let pads air dry or spin them using the buffer.
- Keep pads in a clean location when not being used. This will minimize foreign particles from coming in contact with the buffing surface the next time you use the pad.

Special Tip - Run all wool pads through our pad washer before the first use to reduce wool blow-off