

## **FAQ's About Passive Refinishing®**

### ***Explain the difference between Passive Refinishing® and traditional refinishing options.***

Passive Refinishing® differs from all other refinishing options in that it removes all the finishes on the surface of the wood without sanding it off. You get the same results, the loss of the old finishes, without the loss of wood. You also have the same finishing options as if you sanded the floors.

### ***Why would you want to use Passive Refinishing® instead of the traditional approach?***

Most of our work has been on historic properties where the loss of wood is not allowed. The floors in these historic properties have already lost too much wood or there is significant historic value and sanding is to be avoided. This is also true of a growing number of private residences built before 1950. The wood floors have been sanded so many times that there isn't enough wood left for a successful refinishing. It may be necessary to completely replace the floors to have an attractive surface.

### ***How does the price of Passive Refinishing® compare with traditional sanding?***

It is more expensive if you are comparing it to traditional refinishing but if the option is to replace the floors, then it can be very competitively priced. The prices will vary depending upon how much finish has to be removed, its age and a few other variables. Most prices for Passive Refinishing® start in the \$8.00 per square foot range and can get higher.

### ***Aren't you just using chemical stripping products?***

Mention chemical strippers to anyone and toxic vapors, caustic chemicals, hazardous materials and work conditions usually come to mind. The products we work with are cleaners, do not contain Methylene Chloride and don't have to be neutralized. They are environmentally responsible and biodegradable. We have been using them in museum work and the public is allowed to walk right up to the areas where we work. For that reason, we call them chemical cleaners, not stripping products.

### ***How much experience do you have using Passive Refinishing®?***

I developed Passive Refinishing® in 1991. Since that time, I have used it to restore about 60,000 square feet of floors. The majority of the floors have been in historic properties but I am now starting to see a demand in older private residences.

### ***Is dust an issue?***

No. As a matter of fact, this is one of the cleanest forms of refinishing and restoring a wood floor you will ever find.

### ***Do you sell products or educational material to other interested parties?***

No. Passive Refinishing® is a process that is original to the Rosebud Co. only.